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WASHINGTON, Oct 12, (AP): Senate revived attempts to impose punitive sanctions on Iraq for its alleged use of son gas against Kurdish Kurds.

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Conference calls for greater understanding of Islam

OIC rebuffs Western media domination

JEDDAH, Oct 12, (Agencies): Islamic nations wrapped up their first information conference today with a call for greater understanding in the West of Muslim aspirations.

Delegates to the conference, organised by the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, (OIC) said massive investment would be needed to counter what they saw as the domination of world media by the West.

Proposals included the reactivation of the Islamic International News Agency (IINA), establishment of an Islamic news pool and modernising of equipment.

Priority

Delegates said greater priority was also needed for the training of Muslim journalists.

Prof Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, known as ISESCO, said the world's estimated 800 million Muslims must be educated against outside influences including "foreign

media" characterizations of "backwardness, ignorance and fanaticism as the main features of our peoples."

The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, Sharifuddin Pirzada of Pakistan, launched a scathing attack on Western news agencies for what he described as their hostility to Muslims.

Increase

"News and analyses emanating from Western news agencies either ignore or deliberately distort and undermine the just causes of Muslims," Pirzada said. "The Western media is indifferent to the realities of the Islamic world and is actively hostile and antagonistic to our faith, our cultural heritage, our objectives."

This was reflected in local newspaper coverage of the conference.

The English-language Arab News said in an editorial: "We cannot ... rely on the insensitive and uncomprehending international news agencies, let alone pro-Zionist information agencies, for news of what is happening in the world."

"Outside the Islamic world, anti-Islamic prejudice is most definitely on the increase. Much of it is pure religious bigotry, but there is a marked streak of racism involved in it as well," the newspaper said.

It said any effort to correct this situation would be wasted if it is "nothing more than a machine pushing Islamic information back into the Islamic world."

"We cannot allow ourselves to rely on the insensitive and uncomprehending international news agencies ... when Islam is involved," it said.

Delegates from other Third World Islamic countries also voiced grievances against what they described as the insensitivity of the Western media to their needs.

Ability

"The Western agencies have the ability to cover the world, but when they cover developing countries they focus on negative aspects such as violence and racial tensions and ignore progress and achievements," one Mauritian delegate said.

"That's why we need our own

Islamic news agency to reflect our reality and our aspirations and culture."

Delegates also heard warnings against increasing Western influence undermining traditional Muslim values. "We need to co-operate with the West and to gain from the technological era," one Turkish delegate said. "We must be careful to protect our people from the negative aspects of foreign ways."

Proposing

Kuwait's delegation to the conference has presented a working paper proposing setting up of an Islamic information council that supervises implementation of the information.

The council is also proposed to be in charge of bolstering Islamic co-operation in the cultural field with the aim of forging closer links between Islamic peoples and exchanging expertise in the information technical field among Islamic countries.

King Fahd, who cut diplomatic relations with Tehran in April, said in opening the conference he was sorry the Iranians had not attended.



President Mubarak (left) received Arafat at the presidential palace in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Decision on PLO state will be taken regardless of US, Israeli elections

CAIRO, Oct 12, (Reuters): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today any decision to declare a Palestinian state would be taken regardless of elections next month in the United States and Israel.

Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), had a two-hour meeting with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, their second in less than a month.

Recommend

Asked by reporters afterwards if a decision on a state should be delayed until after the elections, Arafat said:

"We don't take into consideration what is happening in Israel or the United States. We care only for the interests of our people. My main interest is to find a land for my people."

Arafat said the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — would meet by the end of the month to discuss the issue, but he declined to give a date or venue.

Palestinian leaders meeting in Tunis last weekend decided to recommend to the PNC that it approve the declaration of an independent state.

At his last meeting with Arafat on Sept 21, Mubarak urged the PLO leader to delay any such initiative until after the elections in Israel and the United States.

Israeli officials have said Egypt and the Soviet Union tried to convince the PLO to postpone its declaration for fear the move could help the right-wing Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir win the Israeli poll.

In Moscow, PLO executive committee member Abu Mazin

said he believed the United States was moving towards acceptance of an international conference on the Middle East.

Mazin, heading a PLO delegation in talks with Soviet officials, also denied that the Soviet Union had tried to put pressure on the PLO not to form a provisional Palestinian government or a government-in-exile, options currently under discussion.

"The Soviet Union supports the choice made by our leadership," he said, praising the backing Moscow had given the movement.

The Soviet Union has backed the PLO's call for such an international conference, which Mazin said should include the five permanent members of the UN Security Council as well as Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, the PLO and Israel.

No accord yet on Mideast peace conference: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 12, (Reuters): Necessary agreement for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East is still lacking, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today.

"It is true that the Security Council believe that it is desirable to convene an international conference, and it is at least possible to identify in the replies of the parties agreement that there should be an international framework for the negotiation of a just and lasting settlement," he said in a written report.

"But the familiar and deep differences remain about the nature of that framework, about its powers, about the basis on which it would be convinced, and about who should take part in it," he said.

His report was requested in a

General Assembly resolution last December urging the holding of a Middle East peace conference with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, China and France — as well as the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the PLO.

Violence

After giving the views of all those mentioned in the resolution, the secretary-general said: "It will be evident from the above statements of the positions held by the members of the Security Council and the parties directly involved in the conflict that the secretary-general is again obliged to report to the General Assembly that the necessary agreement does not exist for the

convening of the international peace conference on the Middle East."

The present state of affairs caused him grave concern, he said. Referring to the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war, he added: "The violence and suffering in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip continue unabated and underline the need for progress on the diplomatic front."

"The continuing occupation of those territories is not acceptable to their inhabitants and will not become so. It is necessary therefore to find a political solution which will satisfy both the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people and the right of Israel, like other states in the area."

Death warrants issued for Indira assassins

NEW DELHI, Oct 12, (AP): A judge today issued warrants for the execution of two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, news reports said.

District judge S.C. Jain signed the "black warrants" authorising the hanging of Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, the United News of India said.

The date was not immediately disclosed, the news agency said.

The warrants were delivered to the superintendent of the maximum-security Tihar Central Jail in New Delhi, where the two men are being held, United News of India reported.

Shortly after the warrants were signed, lawyers for both men appealed for mercy to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, who must rule within 90 days, according to Home Ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The warrants are stayed until the President rules, the spokesman said.

The convictions and death sentences for both men have been upheld, and the Supreme Court has rejected their appeals. The conviction and death sentence of a third man, Balbir Singh, was overturned in August for lack of evidence.

Mrs Gandhi was shot and killed in the garden of her home on Oct 31, 1984, by two of her Sikh bodyguards, Satwant Singh and Beant Singh.

Both were involved in a gun-battle with other security guards minutes after the assassination, and Beant Singh died of bullet wounds.

Referendum on constitutional changes Troops leave Algiers as emergency ends

ALGIERS, Oct 12, (Agencies): Truckloads of troops and dozens of tanks rolled out of the Algerian capital today, ending a six-day state of emergency imposed by President Chadli Benjedid to quell rioting.

Suited-made tanks and armoured personnel carriers began leaving Algiers shortly after midnight, several hours after Benjedid announced the state of siege would be lifted at 6 am (5:00 GMT).

A few soldiers stood guard in front of key government buildings today and a handful of armoured vehicles remained stationed in front of the Defence Ministry and headquarters of the ruling National Liberation Front party.

Children returned to schools, closed since Friday, and those shops that survived the rioting reopened for business.

Changes in the Algerian constitution are to be put to popular vote in a referendum, the presidency said in a statement today.

The statement, reported by the official news agency APS, said the changes would involve "a new organisation of the executive" in which the President would choose a prime minister responsible to the national assembly.

The present Prime Minister, Abdelhamid Brahimi, draws his authority from the National Liberation Front (FLN), which has ruled Algeria as a one-party state since 1962.

The statement said the referendum would be held on November 3, which would be before the next FLN congress, due to be held at the beginning of December.

A programme of political reforms announced by Benjedid in a broadcast on Monday will be submitted to the FLN congress and will ensure "greater democratisation of political action," the statement added.

The reforms, involving "political and institutional changes" in the constitution, will also be submitted later to referendum, the statement concluded.

More than 3,000 looters and agitators arrested in the last hours of the state of emergency remained held in the police school and elsewhere.

The government acknowledged that at least 180 persons were killed throughout the country in the past week, but unofficial counts placed the death toll at more than 500.

Pakistan seals Sind border

KARACHI, Oct 12, (Agencies): Pakistan has sealed its border between Sind province and India and clamped a night curfew on the area after recent riots in the southern province killed at least 250 people.

The curfew had been imposed with immediate effect in a border belt up to 25 km (15 miles) wide, a government spokesman said today.

Army demolishes West Bank houses

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 12, (AP): Palestinians hurled a hand grenade at an Israeli civilian car in the occupied Gaza Strip today, while the Army blew up four West Bank houses of Palestinians accused of killing suspected "collaborators" with Israel.

The hand grenade, thrown at 9:40 am on Nasser Street in Gaza city, missed its target, and there were no injuries, the Army said. Troops closed the area and launched house-to-house searches, an Arab reporter and Israel Radio said.

It was the second hand grenade attack in two days.

A Soviet-made grenade was thrown at an Army patrol yesterday from an eye hospital compound on Nasser Street. Two Army sergeants were lightly wounded in their legs.

In the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, soldiers blew up four houses and sealed off five others in the Old City and the Ras El Ein neighbourhood, the Army said.

It said the houses belonged to Arabs suspected of being members in a nine-man squad of "strike forces" that enforced orders by underground uprising leaders. It said several members of the squad were arrested.

They were accused of hacking and stabbing to death three Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel in Nablus in September, of beating other Palestinians and of inciting riots.

The squad's members belonged to Fatah, the mainstream faction of the PLO.

Nablus, a city of 120,000, was under Army-imposed curfew for the sixth straight day today following a bloody clash last week in which troops shot and killed four people and wounded 21.

Nablus residents told the Associated Press that telephone lines in the Old City were cut off for the last four days.

Earlier today, an Army patrol dismantled a roadside bomb discovered two miles from Nasser Street. Army officials said. Adding that they did not know whether the bomb and hand grenade attack were related.

The bomb consisted of two gas balloons, and the fuse led into an olive grove at a road junction, the Army said.

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Saudi envoy arrives in Beijing

BEIJING, Oct. 12, (AP): A special Saudi envoy arrived today for an official visit that could be another step toward the establishment of diplomatic relations with China.

The official Xinhua news agency said Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz would exchange views with Chinese leaders on the development of Sino-Saudi relations and international issues.

Xinhua did not give details of the message.

China has established official ties with other Arab states including Oman, Kuwait and Qatar, and has said it hopes to normalise relations with Saudi Arabia.

The two nations have had trade contacts for more than a decade, and China earlier this year stunned the United States and Israel by selling Saudi Arabia intermediate-range CSS-2 missiles.

However, the strongly anti-communist Riyadh government, one of only 22 nations in the world that maintains diplomatic relations with the Nationalist government on Taiwan, has so far resisted official ties with Beijing.

Eight detained

Cuba seizes US ship

MIAMI, Oct. 12, (AP): A Cuban gunship seized a US merchant ship with eight people and New Zealand's America's Cup race yacht aboard, saying the vessel was in its waters, a claim the captain flatly denied, the Coast Guard said.

The eight, at least seven of them Americans, were detained yesterday in Puntó Cayo Malo, Cuba, said Coast Guard spokesman Dan Vogeley.

The disassembled sloop New Zealand was aboard the US-registered merchant ship Tampa Sea Horse, officials said.

The 133-foot (40-metre) yacht was en route from Long Beach, California, to New York City for a tour of east coast cities.

Violated

The Cubans seized the vessel off the southeastern tip of Cuba without firing shots or using force, saying it had violated the country's 12-mile (19-kilometre) territorial limit, the Coast Guard said.

Jeff Jappe, the Tampa Sea Horse's captain, radioed an urgent appeal yesterday at 3 pm (1900 GMT) to the Coast Guard, insisting he was in international waters, but Coast Guard officers advised him to comply with the

Cubans, Vogeley said.

Lowell Oswald, a spokesman for the Tampa Sea Horse's agent, Zapata Marine of New Orleans, said he didn't know why the ship was seized but also maintained it was in international waters.

"We're at as much of a loss as anyone else," Oswald said.

"Hopefully, they'll let us go ... and they'll keep going to New York," he said. "There's no way to really tell."

The merchant ship was escorted to the Cuban port for inspection, said Maggie Kerrigan, a spokeswoman at the New Zealand consulate in Los Angeles.

She said one New Zealander was aboard, but a list supplied to the Coast Guard by Zapata listed all eight on board as Americans.

Cuba detains foreign ships as often as once a month for trespassing in its waters, but the vessels and crewmen usually are quickly released, said Coast Guard Lt. Wayne Ball in Miami.

San Diego-based Sail America managed the successful US defense of the America's Cup race by sailing the catamaran Stars and Stripes against the single-hulled New Zealand last month off San Diego.

Tories debate law and order

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 12, (AP): The ruling Conservative Party, meeting for its annual convention in the south coast resort of Brighton, debated law and order today with delegates worried about the coincidence of rising crime and rising prosperity in the country.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said the government would attack crime with more police officers, a possible widening of a new ban on public drinking and electronic tags to keep track of people released on bail.

But Hurd, the cabinet minister responsible for law and order, once again rejected capital punishment, saying "don't let's get stuck just in this groove."

"Capital punishment can't be the answer to all crime, or even to violent crime in general," he said.

Abolished

Capital punishment was abolished in Britain in 1969, but an overwhelming majority of Tory delegates raised their hands in favour of its reinstatement in an unofficial convention poll today.

Hurd said that if the experiment with electronic tagging works, it could be expanded to monitor the movements of convicted offenders.

"The apparatus is relatively simple," Hurd explained. "It looks like an electronic bicycle clip, and it works ... if this project proves successful then we shall take the idea further."

Government statistics last March reported a 12 per cent increase in muggings and other violent crime in England and Wales last year and an 11 per cent increase in sexual offences.

A total of 3.9 million crimes were reported to police in England and Wales in 1987, up 45,000 from 1986. Crime figures for Scotland and Northern Ireland are reported separately.

Condemned

Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the socialist opposition Labour Party, condemned at a news conference yesterday Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's philosophy of individual self-reliance and her determination to reduce what she calls the dependency culture based on state aid.

"The idea that the Tories are the party of law and order is clearly nonsense," Hattersley said.

Lax security at the research laboratories

US shuts nuclear plant

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, (Reuters): The US Department of Energy (DOE) has shut down a second plant that makes material for nuclear weapons and tightened security after reports that suspected foreign spies have viewed US nuclear labs.

The Energy Department said it was taking steps to increase safety and security of its installations after charges that lax security had allowed suspected spies to visit the research laboratories used to develop America's nuclear weapons.

The department said yesterday that a minor safety incident prompted the order to shut down a nuclear plant near Denver which produces weapons-grade plutonium.

Briefed

The DOE said it was taking extra precautions before restarting a reactor at its Savannah river facility in South Carolina, which has been closed since August.

The White House said President Reagan was briefed about the safety problems yesterday by Energy Secretary John

Herrington and other officials.

"This is a serious matter," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters. But he added, "the Energy Department is doing the job."

At the same time, congressional investigators charged that there was loose security at three US nuclear research laboratories. They said visitors from communist and other foreign nations, including some suspected intelligence agents, had been allowed into the labs without proper precautions.

Numerous

"Suspected foreign agents and individuals from facilities suspected of conducting nuclear weapons activities have obtained access to the laboratories without DOE's knowledge," The General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigating agency of Congress, told the Senate government affairs committee.

The GAO said it had no evidence that sensitive informa-

tion had been compromised. The department said it was taking steps to improve security at all its plants and laboratories.

"Over the last year, we have taken numerous actions to strengthen our visits and assignments programme," Deputy Assistant Energy Department Secretary Richard du Val told the committee. "We have directed our operations officers to be sure for sensitive visits, security plans have been approved."

He said about 600 foreigners visited the three nuclear weapons laboratories each year from sensitive countries, including Soviet bloc nations, China and countries thought to be trying to develop nuclear weapons, such as Israel, South Africa, Pakistan, India, Brazil and Argentina.

Du Val said the Energy Department issued new guidelines on foreign visitors in August and had taken steps to improve security at its nuclear laboratories. He said laboratory employees were being taught to be more security conscious.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Endemic diseases

BEIJING, Oct. 12, (AP): More than 60 million Chinese, or about 5 per cent of the population, are affected by endemic diseases such as leprosy and the plague, an official daily said today.

The China Daily said Vice-Minister of Public Health He Jiesheng told a recent conference on endemic diseases in China that both the plague and schistosomiasis — a chronic disease in which parasites attack the blood stream — are on the rise.

Ms. Jiesheng said 98 per cent of Chinese counties have various endemic diseases, including malaria, leprosy and venereal disease.

Arson attack

PRETORIA, Oct. 12, (Reuters): The southern African headquarters of the Catholic church was set ablaze today, sending occupants, including two bishops, fleeing down fire escapes, police said.

The fire broke out in the ground floor Archives of Khanye (light) house about 2.30 am (0030 GMT) and spread to the first and second floors of the four-storey building, he said.

Containers holding petrol and paraffin were found in the building and police were treating the fire as arson.

Peaceful research

PARIS, Oct. 12, (AP): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze today suggested that the UN Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation create an international scientific group to begin research at a controversial radar station at Krasnoyarsk.

He said Soviet scientists were ready to establish contacts with the UNESCO to carry out "peaceful research at an absolutely peaceful radar installation."

Student rallies

WARSAW, Oct. 12, (UPI): Thousands of students staged rallies in 30 universities across Poland demanding re-legislation of the independent students' union that was banned along with Solidarity labour union in 1981, activist sources said.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban opened his weekly news conference yesterday denouncing the rallies, although they were held legally.

Urban also indicated there may be a hitch in the start of government-sponsored round-table talks with Solidarity and other independent groups, scheduled to begin in mid-October.

Deportation

CANBERRA, Oct. 12, (Reuters): Australia will deport 14 illegal immigrants who were landed on a remote island by an Indonesian fishing boat in what officials said was part of an organised racket.

The 11 Bangladeshis, two Indians and one Lebanese travelled to Kupang in Timor via Bangkok, Singapore, Jakarta and Denpasar in Indonesia, applying for, and being refused, temporary tourist visas for Australia at each stop.

The illegal immigrants paid up to 400 dollars (\$320) to the owner of the Indonesian fishing boat and an unknown amount to the Dhaka organiser to be taken to Australia.

Wagon explodes

ANKARA, Oct. 12, (Reuters): Nearly 700,000 bullets in a blazing Turkish railway wagon fired off in all directions causing panic among train passengers and townspeople today, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. No one was hurt.

The train, carrying 90 passengers, was stopped at the station after smoke was seen coming from the last wagon. It was moved to a safe distance when the bullets started exploding, causing panic among passengers and some of the 3,500 inhabitants of Kadinhan at breakfast time.

US assurances

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, (UPI): Opposition leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk received assurances of US support for his political leadership and his call for an international conference to help bring about a settlement in Kampuchea.

Speaking to reporters after a 10-minute meeting with President Reagan on Tuesday, Sihanouk said he was told the United States agrees with the need for such a conference, as well as an international peace-keeping force in Kampuchea.

Vessel fired on

TOKYO, Oct. 12, (UPI): A suspected North Korean patrol boat fired on a Japanese fishing vessel in the Sea of Japan and two bullets hit the craft, the maritime safety agency reported today.

The two bullets hit the bow of Kiyo Maru on Tuesday but none of the five-man crew aboard were hurt, a spokesman for the agency said.

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Half a ton of cocaine seized

NEW YORK, Oct. 12, (UPI): Authorities seized half a ton of cocaine worth about \$80 million and arrested three reputed Colombian drug traffickers in a raid on a home in a quiet residential neighbourhood in Queens, officials said yesterday.

The three startled Colombians, who had just received the drug shipment shortly before law enforcement officers moved in yesterday evening, were not armed and put up no resistance, said Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Robert Strang.

The trio are believed to be high-level associates of the so-called Cali Cartel who were in charge of bringing cocaine into the metropolitan area and supplying the city's major drug dealers, he said.

"They are among the highest level distributors in the United States," Strang said.

The Cali Cartel, named for the Colombian city where the ring is based, is said to be responsible for the bulk of the cocaine trade in New York.

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US official proposes deal with Marcos

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (Reuters): A top US State Department official has proposed a deal with Ferdinand Marcos in which the former Philippine President would forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars to avoid an indictment here on fraud charges, a Philippine official said.

Attorney Severina Rivera, general counsel for Manila's campaign to recover billions of dollars it accuses Marcos of stealing from his country, told Reuters that legal adviser Abraham Sofaer cabled the proposal to other US officials.

Instead of being formally indicted on charges related to his ownership of several New York City buildings, Marcos would be allowed to make a plea to the court on the basis of information presented by the US attorney, she said.

Rivera would not elaborate on the details of any possible plea bargain, but often such an arrangement involves pleading guilty to reduced charges or undertaking certain actions in exchange for having charges dropped.

Rivera said her government would prefer a formal indictment and a public trial for Marcos, exiled in Hawaii since he fled the country in 1986 after a peaceful revolution brought Mrs Aquino to power.

Chinese party expels 25,000 members

BEIJING, Oct. 12. (AP): China's Communist Party expelled 25,249 of its members last year, with more than a third of those removed from the party accused of committing economic crimes.

The official party newspaper People's Daily said today that 37 senior party officials were among those expelled, showing "no special party members are allowed to place themselves above the party's discipline."

The roundup on expulsions came amid a major propaganda drive against pandemic official corruption, now rated along with inflation as one of the most serious threats to the nation's economic health and stability.

It said these expelled were among 150,000 party members punished last year for various disciplinary violations. The ruling party has 48 million members.

The report said 8,724 of those who lost party membership were involved in economic crimes, with 4,819 involved in embezzling, 1,563 in bribery and 1,350 in theft. Others were caught swindling or making illegal profits.

Police open fire on demonstrators

One killed in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, Oct. 12. (Agencies): A male high school student was killed today when police fired bullets and tear gas to disperse anti-government demonstrators in the central Sri Lankan city Kandy, police and military sources said.

"We got a report about one student being killed during a big confrontation with the police," said an officer in Colombo.

Military sources said a curfew might be imposed in Kandy, a cool picturesque highland city popular among tourists.

Military sources said they had reports of widespread unrest in most of the eastern provinces. They did not give details.

The government on Tuesday ordered 115 schools to close indefinitely because of student

Zahir Shah invited to Kabul for talks

KABUL, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq today invited former King Zahir Shah and other exiled leaders to meet him for talks aimed at ending a bitter war with mujahideen rebels.

"Through you I would like to make this offer," Sharq told Western journalists.

Sharq said he, as the younger man, was willing to follow Afghan custom and travel to see Zahir Shah who lives in Rome.

The former monarch is widely regarded in Afghanistan and among refugees as one figure who could bring the country's warring factions together, although diplomatic sources said some rebel factions were opposed to him.

"As for those younger than me, I ask them to come to Afghanistan," he said.

Sharq, who became prime minister in May, was prominent in a 1973 coup that overthrew the king and is regarded by the rebels as too close to Moscow to be an acceptable negotiating partner.

He presides over a 31-member cabinet, only 13 of whose mini-

sters belong to the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) backed by Moscow.

Sharq, who described his government as a bridge between the party and the rebels who have fought Kabul from bases in Pakistan since 100,000 Soviet troops intervened in December 1979.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have been killed and many fled into exile in Pakistan and Iran.

Rejection Sharq said his government's reason for inviting Zahir Shah was to negotiate peace. Western diplomats said this new theme aimed at making Kabul appear reasonable and the rebels intransigent.

"Anybody who will contribute to national reconciliation, I will be at his service," Sharq added. "I will be ready to talk, even to resign so they can take over."

The mujahideen leadership in the northwest Pakistan city of Peshawar has rejected all PDPA peace proposals to join the new government.

Western diplomats in Kabul say they doubt a political solu-

tion to the war can be found. Some believe the PDPA would be willing to see a military stalemate which would leave it in control of Kabul and other major cities.

The last Soviet troops are due to leave Afghanistan by Feb 15 under accords signed in Geneva in April.

Sharq declined to say if any new peace offer would be made to the rebels, saying everything was negotiable. "Unfortunately the people have lost their confidence in the PDPA," he said.

"I think the best alternative is to sit at the negotiating table to pave the way for the people of Afghanistan to determine their future by themselves."

Sharq, sounding another Kabul theme, said US arms supplies through Pakistan to continue the war going on despite the departure of Soviet troops.

Kabul is mounting a big campaign to insist it wants an end to the war which has cost hundreds of thousands of lives and made millions of refugees.

There is considerable speculation among Western diplomats about what the PDPA actually want.

Chemist turns sewer gas into diamonds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (Reuters): A US Navy chemist has succeeded in turning sewer gas into diamonds, the naval research laboratory announced here.

It said the only catch was that they were a crystalline form of diamond used to thinly coat a variety of military and industrial products — not the kind set in rings.

The laboratory said Dr James Butler, co-ordinator of its accelerated diamond research programme, made the diamond crystallites from sewer gas from a nearby city sewage plant.

The breakthrough adds inexpensive sewer gas as a source of carbon to produce hard, clear diamond coatings, the laboratory said.

It said the coatings may lead to a new generation of long-life cutting tools, scratch-resistant lenses, semiconductor chips that can survive in outer space and durable computer disks.

Five die in ethnic clashes in India

NEW DELHI, Oct. 12. (UPI): Hindus and Muslims fought clashes Tuesday in northern Uttar Pradesh state that left five people dead and 44 injured and troops were mobilised to prevent a major explosion of communal violence, the Press Trust of India said.

The news agency said the fatalities pushed to at least 10 the number of people killed since unrest erupted in three towns of Uttar Pradesh on Monday over plans by a Muslim organisation to stage a march on Monday to a disputed place of worship.

A state official was quoted by the Press Trust as saying at least 200 people had been arrested in Muzaffarnagar, Aligarh and Khathauli and indefinite curfews slapped on all three towns.

It said at least five people were killed and 40 injured when crowds of Muslims and Hindus clashed with knives during a curfew break in Muzaffarnagar, about 100 km northeast of New Delhi.

Similar incidents left four people injured in nearby Khathauli, the news agency said.

There were no new outbreaks

of unrest in Aligarh, 140 km southeast of New Delhi, but two people succumbed to knife wounds sustained in clashes on Monday, the Press Trust said.

The Press Trust said Army units were being moved to sensitive areas to prevent a major escalation in bloodshed. It said Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was monitoring the situation.

The violence began after a Hindu organisation called a strike to protest the march planned Friday by hundreds of Muslims to a shrine claimed by both religions in Ayodhya, 600 km northeast of New Delhi.

Hindus regard the site as the birth place of the god Rama and charge that a temple built there was destroyed about 500 years ago by invading Muslims troops.

In its place, they say, a mosque known as the Babri Masjid was built.

Muslims claim no temple ever existed.

The government closed the mosque in 1949 to defuse religious tensions. In 1986, however, a court ordered it opened to Hindus only.



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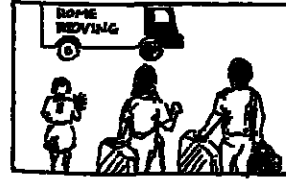
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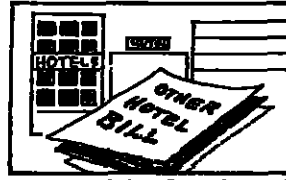


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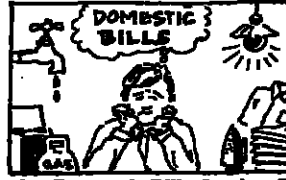
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Tankers to fly Kuwaiti flag, report says

LONDON, Oct 12, (KUNA): A specialised shipping newspaper reported today that six Kuwaiti tankers will sail under the Kuwaiti flag after less than a year under Liberian registry.

Lloyd's List newspaper said that Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) has started procedures to "reassign" the ships to the Kuwaiti flag during the next two months.

KOTC introduced its reassignment programme last year during a flare-up of the Iran-Iraq war, the daily recalled.

The company transferred 14 ships to the US and Bermudian registers and these vessels consequently became eligible for naval protection by the US and the UK patrols in the Gulf.

Lloyd's pointed out that the subsequent allocation of six products tankers to the Liberian flag was probably motivated by "commercial consideration."

In addition, the paper noted that KOTC's newly-commissioned 35,000 tonne tanker, Al Kuwaitiah, on Sept 20, is now being operated under the national flag as will the other vessels in the company's new building programme.

Demand for Saudi produce increases

RIYADH, Oct 12, (KUNA): Demand for Saudi agricultural produce is steadily increasing, according to a statement today by the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

Latest figures compiled during the last two months indicated that 415,287 tons of wheat were exported to 11 countries namely: China 107,524; Jordan, 100,000; Portugal, 47,000; Kenya, 42,000; Kuwait, 31,900; Indonesia, 27,000; Malaysia, 22,000; Bahrain, 11,600; Malta, 11,263; Sudan, 10,000 and Italy 5,000 tons.

The kingdom exported more than 625 tons of vegetables to Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.

Kuwait studying crop production with solar energy

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT is studying the technical feasibility of producing crops in arid climate conditions by tapping natural energy and low-grade water resources.

The five-year research project, which involves three greenhouses in Sulaybiya, relies on greater use of brackish and sea water and on solar energy to be used in water cooling and desalination.

The research is being funded and conducted jointly by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the University of Hohenheim, the Federal Republic of Germany.

Although the cost of tapping solar energy is still largely prohibitive, the researchers are hoping to provide answers to some problems encountered by greenhouse crop cultivators in Kuwait.

Devising

The researchers are working on solving problems related to cooling systems. If they are successful farmers in Kuwait will be able to use their greenhouses all year round. Greenhouses are now used when the climate is more temperate than in summer.

The researchers are also examining ways of reducing the consumption of fresh water for irrigation and are devising means to cut down the amount of water used for cooling. Greenhouses in Kuwait use twice as much water for cooling than they do for irrigation, a KISR scientist said.

The research is also expected to provide information needed for an economic feasibility study. The researchers do not expect that solar energy greenhouses will be widely used unless there is a scientific breakthrough that will make photovoltaics, the process of turning the solar

energy into electricity, cheaper. There have been reports that scientists in the West are on the verge of such a breakthrough.

The research is also expected to provide a wealth of information on solar radiation, temperatures and humidity and will offer realistic estimates of water and electricity consumption. The information will help researchers devise cost-effective systems for greenhouse food production.

The project has already yielded positive results. The first crop of tomatoes planted in July was harvested in mid-September.

"No one has ever planted tomatoes in Kuwait in July," said the KISR researcher.

The planting of tomatoes was part of the first stage of the project which also included the construction of three greenhouses, completed in May. The three greenhouses differ in cover material, cooling systems and shading devices.

Modifications

This was done to allow an assessment of optimal conditions for greenhouse crop cultivation and to determine the rate of water and energy consumption.

In the second phase, scientists will introduce technical modifications to the final design of air-cooling and air distribution systems. It is in this stage that the scientists will concentrate on research and development of desalination using the solar energy.

In the final stage one of the greenhouses will be connected to the photovoltaic system. Solar energy will be used to desalinate water for irrigation of plants in that greenhouse.

To prove the feasibility of the project the scientists plan to cultivate crops in the solar energy powered greenhouse for a year.

Jarallah awarded UN Peace Medal



Sabah Alawi, UNICEF's regional representative (left), and Ahmad Mosa Rizq, head of the Information Bureau at UNICEF's regional office, meet with Ahmed Al Jarallah, (centre) editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

UNICEF has awarded the UN Peace Medal to Ahmed Al Jarallah, editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

The award was presented in recognition of Al Jarallah's support towards the activities and programmes of UNICEF.

Al Jarallah received his office in Al Seyassah Monday evening Sabah Alawi, regional representative of UNICEF and

Ahmad Mosa Rizq the head of the Information Bureau at UNICEF's regional office.

Discussions at the meeting focused on the organisation's efforts to upgrade child care techniques in the Gulf region in particular and in the Arab world in general. Preparations for the Second International Year of the Child next year were also discussed.

Kuwait imports 90 per cent of its food

DR MOHAMMAD Hasan Al Attar, head of the Food Resources Department at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) said that 90 per cent of Kuwait's food is imported.

Speaking at a press conference at the institute in Shuwaikh on Tuesday to mark the approach of the GCC Agricultural Research Network Symposium, Al Attar said that this issue requires urgent reconsideration.

The forthcoming symposium, is to be held on Monday under the patronage of the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid. It will be sponsored by KISR in co-operation with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences and the GCC organisation, the official said.

The symposium will deal with the need to respond actively and scientifically to the recommendations adopted at the Agricultural Research Priorities and Food Security Symposium held in Damascus in March 1987. The symposium stressed the need to foster relations between agricultural researchers and research centres in the countries of the region within the framework of a predetermined plan.

Al Attar said that the high rates in agricultural imports registered in GCC countries are due to a lack of co-ordination and co-operation, the duplication of efforts in the agricultural spheres, the absence of a central agency to handle research data input and dissemination among various agricultural centres. He also cited the lack of agricultural research data exchange between the GCC states as well as the need to identify the agricultural research priorities and requirements in the region.

Bangladesh flood relief committee meeting

AS DECIDED earlier a meeting of the Bangladesh Flood Relief Co-ordination Committee will be held on Friday Oct 14, 1988 at 6 pm at the premises of the Bangladesh Embassy (House No. 181, Block No. 11, Jabriya).

Ambassador of Bangladesh will preside over the meeting. Members of the Bangladesh Flood Relief Co-ordination Committee are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

Kerala Islahi Centre elects committee

THE following were elected as members of the committee of the Kerala Islahi Centre: M.T. Mohammed, president; K.T. Beeran Koya, vice-president; T.C. Abdulla Kutty, general secretary; S. Madani, secretary; K.P. Abdulla Koya, secretary; K. Parvannur, treasurer; P.N. Abdul Latheef Madani, organiser; P.K. Mohamed Kutty, Advisory Board chairman; V. Abdussalam, auditor; K.T. Beeran Koya, arts and literary in-charge; K.P. Abdulla Koya, publicity of the publication in-charge.

Gulf exports seminar slated

MANAMA, Oct 12, (GNA): A seminar on developing Gulf exports will be held in Bahrain on Nov 27 and 28 under the patronage of Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The seminar will be organised by the Secretariat of the GCC, the Union of Arab Gulf Chamber of Commerce and the Bahraini Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The aim of the meeting is to study the obstacles Gulf countries face in developing their exports, especially competition from foreign exports and marketing problems.

A number of papers will be discussed during the two-day seminar. A paper by the Secretariat of the GCC on the

effects of the GCC Unified Economic Agreement on the commercial exchange and exports of foreign countries will be presented.

The paper will explain policies and procedures adopted by the GCC states to carry out the agreement. It will also focus on the importance of commercial exchange between GCC states and problems that confront it.

Chambers

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultations will submit a working paper on suitable Gulf policies to develop and encourage Gulf industrial exports. It will also explain subsidies given to national exporters as

well as customs procedures.

The Baghdad Chamber of Commerce will submit a working paper about the role of the Chamber of the Gulf states in developing exports. It also includes an evaluation of this role.

The GCC Measurements and Specifications Authority will submit a working paper on the role of measurements in developing the Gulf exports and in improving the quality of Gulf national products.

Representatives of ministries of Commerce, Agriculture, Finance, Planning and Communications of the Gulf states and relevant authorities and businessmen in the region will participate in the seminar.

Co-operative chairmen discuss shop closures

CHAIRMEN of the consumers' co-operative societies have agreed to take the necessary measures to fill the gap created by the closure of commercial and grocery shops this month.

The Council of Ministers recently decided to implement a decision to close down such shops in some areas, particularly model areas.

In a meeting held by the co-operative societies' chairmen last night, it was decided that each society should survey the number of shops to be closed in its area.

The meeting was chaired by the vice-president of the Co-operative Societies' Union, Mustari Al Umairi, who stressed the important role the co-operative societies play in Kuwait's economy.

Marine city study complete

THE study concerning the construction of a marine city in Kuwait has been completed, Dr Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen, the director-general of Kuwait's National Housing Authority (NHA), has announced.

In an interview with a local daily, Dr Al Shaheen said that if the study is approved by the authorities concerned, construction of the city is expected to be complete by the year 2000.

He stated that the marine city construction proposal was made in the wake of the postponement of the Al Subayyah housing project. The total cost of this project was estimated at KD 4 billion and was designed to accommodate about a quarter of a million citizens. The proposed marine city project would provide housing for 220,000 citizens at a cost of about KD 2.8 billion.

15 arrested

KUWAIT'S securitymen arrested 15 men who infiltrated Kuwait by sea off the Salamiya coast.

The behaviour of three men in Salamiya's Bahrain Street aroused the suspicions of a citizen who notified the police.

A police patrol dispatched to the scene apprehended the culprits. Interrogations of the accused revealed that they had been accompanied by other infiltrators.

A police and security force immediately began investigations which resulted in the arrest of more than 15 persons from their hideouts near the touristic hill and Blajat Road.

Grocers shocked by council decision

THE decision by the Council of Ministers to close groceries in private housing areas has come as a shock to grocery owners.

A number of these owners have called on the authorities to provide them adequate time after the expiry of the deadline at the end of this month to clear their stocks. Further, they said that since their groceries were their only source of income, alternate jobs should be made available to them after they close their stores.

One store owner, Madoud Naji, claimed that he needs at least six months to clear his goods and repay his debts. He added that as co-operatives are far from houses, people living in private housing areas prefer to buy from the local groceries.

Moving to other areas is not

feasible due to high rents, another owner said.

Objected

Some citizens in private housing areas have objected to the decision to close groceries in their areas. They added that co-operatives should offer substitute services instead of those offered by groceries. Consumers have not complained against groceries and the prices are similar to those at co-operatives, they said.

The Union of Co-operative Societies called on local co-operatives to discuss needs of housing areas after the groceries were closed. It also called for the opening of branches in different places round-the-clock and to develop their services at the beginning of next month.

Unity in foreign investments urged

ABU DHABI: Speaking at an economic symposium sponsored by the UAE banks, Nasser Al Nuwair, undersecretary at the Ministry of Finance and Industry and director general of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development, said that it is high time that Arab Gulf states operate as one group and co-ordinate their foreign investments.

Such co-ordination would lead to effective solutions to the problems besetting foreign investments, the official added.

Wrong

He added that Britain does not have any long-term policy for its financial market. This would put off Gulf investors and make them more selective and careful in dealing with foreign investment opportunities in the future, Al Nuwair said.

He expressed hope that a satisfactory settlement will be reached in the wake of the British decision to order Kuwait to reduce its shares in British Petroleum (BP).

On the same subject, the director of the Shares and Bonds Department at Abu Dhabi

Investment Authority, Harib Masoud Al Darmaki, called for diversification of foreign investments to ensure greater returns and minimise hazards.

The British decision to reduce the percentage of Kuwaiti shares in BP was wrong, he added.

Al Darmaki said that the bonds market was estimated at \$9,403 million in 1987. The capital invested in the shares market up to the end of March this year stood at \$8,000 billion.

IKEA to donate funds to UNICEF

THE United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) works for the health and social rights of children in the poorest countries in the world. Its work is financed solely by voluntary contributions from member countries and by private donations and gifts. For three months, 10 per cent of the sales of IKEA's soft toys in all IKEA stores around the world will be given to UNICEF.

The money will be used to buy vaccines against children's diseases. UNICEF's goal is to inoculate all children by 1990.



Sabah Alawi, UNICEF regional representative (left), and Thomas Lundgren, IKEA representative, look over the store's display to promote the sale of toys to benefit the children's fund.

Statement by US official draws fire

ABU DHABI, Oct 12, (KUNA): A United Arab Emirates newspaper today accused the United States of seeking the role of a policeman in the Gulf.

The Dubai-based Al Bayan Arabic language daily said it was commenting on remarks by US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci in which he said Washington will cut its naval presence in the Gulf, but is not considering total withdrawal.

"The defence secretary's statements are a clear-cut evidence that the US is determined to pursue the role of a policeman in the Gulf," it said.

The daily said this statement is the first official indication of the United States' intentions of maintaining its presence in the region during peace and reconstruction.

It said the US, as a superpower, should take into account international relationships and norms.

"Many states wage on Washington as a superpower

that will guarantee peace rather than scuttle its prospects and stemming its roots," it said.

The Gulf peoples were brought up on civilisation that makes them willing to establish co-operation for the benefit of all world people, the paper said.

"But they reject any foreign interference that will determine their future even indirectly," it said.

The paper said all reasons for the US naval presence in the Gulf do not exist any more.

It added that "Washington, with its long experience in the region, should know that the Gulf was and will remain an area of peace and prosperity and that the Iraq-Iran war is a passing development which will end shortly."

"If the United States played, through its Navy, a certain role in the Gulf at a certain stage, now that stage had ended and thus there is no pretext for the American military presence in the Gulf region," Al Bayan said.

"It would have been better for Carlucci to propose how to rebuild war-damaged facilities in Iraq and Iran than to re-assert US plans to stay in the region," according to the paper.

KPTC reduces number of buses

THE Kuwait Public Transport Co. (KPTC) reduced the number of buses from 449 in 1986 to 441 last year, according to a KPTC source.

This cut-back has not adversely affected the transportation services, he said. The company also opened two new bus routes last year and changed the tariff of some routes.

The number of passengers increased from 105,326, 279 in 1986 to 108,110, 134 last year. There was a corresponding increase of income by KD168,208 last year compared to returns of 1986, the source disclosed.

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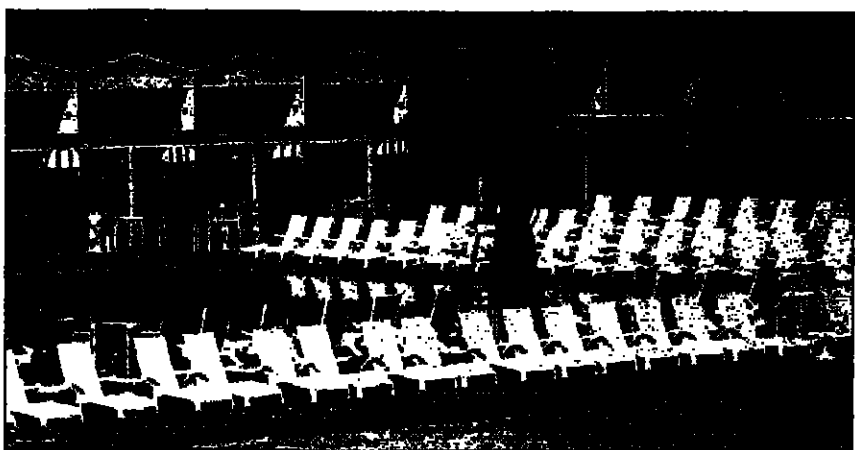
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Riccardo's Pasta Disasta

ANXIOUS to taste again some of Italy's many culinary delights and upon the recommendations of many a satisfied customer, I bent my steps in the direction of the Sheraton's Riccardo restaurant. The lively, bustling atmosphere which greeted us was most promising and certainly made a change from the usual sobriety of up-market establishments. It soon became evident, however, that the noise and frenzied activity would be about the closest we were going to get to capturing the Italian mood. The juxtaposition of marble, wood panelling and a distinctly twentieth-century carpet rendered the decor neither here nor there and even the Franco-Italian singing duo, charming though they were, did little to enhance the affair. Since numbers like 'The Green Grass of Home' are by no stretch of the imagination suggestive of Tuscan landscapes, I felt I could have been anywhere.

The service was brisk. Very. This, on top of the general frenetic buzz of the place, was almost enough to have me reaching for the indigestion tablets before I even started eating! I felt rushed and uncomfortable. I sensed an air of resigned tedium in the way the food was actually served, a kind of let's-get-it-over-with attitude which I found unsettling.

We decided to go the whole hog and so ordered the Anipasto Magro Assortito to start, which despite its fine ingredients was somewhat pricey at KD 2,500, or was it something to do with the fact that it was served, as stated in the menu, on a silver tray? It was, nevertheless, an excellent assortment of items, which included artichoke, asparagus, courgette, avocado, celery, shrimp, slivers of smoked salmon, strips of chicken and mozzarella cheese. There was a good selection of breads to accompany it, but I was rather disappointed not to find the



Table Talk

BY DINAH

customary grissini, or bread sticks, on the table.

Being something of a friend for cream sauces, I went for the Tagliolini al Salmone, one of the chef's specialties as my pasta course. Unfortunately, I felt that the salmon (what little there was of it) was overwhelmed by the cream and demanded the use of a finer pasta than the ribbon-like tagliolini. The whole thing made for a bland, heavy dish. My guest's choice of Lasagne al Forno was frankly not much better. Served in a Pyrex dish (odd that there was no mention of the fact in the menu), this usually delicious combination of meat ragout, pasta and white sauce was devoid of piquancy and was further spoiled by the extremely chewy green lasagne. Hard and indigestible is not quite what is meant by 'al dente'. The absence of real Parmesan cheese was yet another disappointment.

We thought the arrival of the main course would perhaps compensate for the 'pasta disasta', but the Piccata de Vitello a Piacece proved to be rather unequal to the task. My veal was cooked in a mushroom sauce and my guest's in lemon, though not much of either found its way from the serving dish to the plate. The meat was not bad, but a little juicing up would not have gone amiss.

Had it also been accompanied by a real 'insalata mista' and not baby marrow, cooked and raw carrot and yet more pasta, it might have been altogether moister fare.

In the line of duty, I felt I had to partake of a sweet, though by that time my poor stomach was screaming for mercy. I decided on the Cassata Napoletana, a confection of iced parfait and glace fruits. It was wonderful: succulent fruits encased in tangy water ice and enrobed in creamy parfait. Sadly, I had to admit defeat about half way through it, but I would make a point of leaving enough space for such a delight in future!

When the coffee arrived along with a dish of hand-made chocolates, I must have audibly groaned. I do think that 'amoretto', the coin-sized almond macaroons which traditionally accompany the coffee in Italian restaurants, would have rounded things off a little more subtly.

The total bill came to KD 24,600, which I thought was a bit over the odds, even taking into account some of the more expensive ingredients of the food we had. I am always puzzled to know why Italian food, especially pasta dishes, should cost so much more outside Italy. I see very little justification for charging the earth for something which costs next to nothing in terms of basic ingredients. It smacks of cashing in on its popularity or else its novelty value, in countries where Italian places are less prevalent. I would add that this is a general criticism and not one which is aimed specifically at Riccardo's restaurant.

RESTAURANT: Riccardo
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MEAL: Four course a la carte dinner
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Starring: Richard Narcon, Coreen Wahl

Al Salmiya
Closed
Drive-In
Ighial Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hishan Salim, Salah Qabil

Al Hamra
Surkhah Nadam (Arabic)
Starring: Yusra, Ezzat, Alaili, Hussein Sharbini

Al Firdous
Anjuman (Hindi)
Starring: Shabana Azmi, Faroukh Shaikh
Fahadheel Open-Air
Saaf Saaf Baad
Al Fahadheel
Hoshiyar

Al Jahra
Arabic Film
Granada
Ninja Warrior
Sulabikhat
Oru may masappular

Al Jeeb
Hum Farisat Nahin
Ahmed Drive-In
Arabic Film

FRIDAY

Al Jahra
Deadly Friend

Granada
Maha Veera

Sulabikhat
Deadly Pursuit

Al Jeeb
Maut Ki Ladai

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsweek
30 6th and 13th After Henry: Found Radio Show

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today

0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Assignment
45 World News

0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Latin Americans (ex 27th Rescuing the Rime)

0400 Newsweek
30 Classical Record Review (ex 20th Sportsweek)
45 Reflections (ex 27th Peabees)

0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Peabees' Choice (ex 27th Financial News)

0600 World News
09 The World Today
30 Smith and Son
40 The Farming World

0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Just Plain Madness
45 Network UK

0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style (ex 20th Sportsweek)

0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by Assignment

30 6th and 13th After Henry: Found Radio Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas
25 Book Choice
30 Citizens

1200 Radio Newsweek
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Network UK
45 6th and 20th Jazz Scene UK: 13th and 27th Folk in Britain
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 Write On...
1500 Radio Newsweek
15 The Pleasure's Yours
09 News about Britain

1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Assignment
45 The World Today

1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsweek

30 Discovery
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Here's Humph!

2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Talking From...

15 A Jolly Good Show

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Betwixt Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Panchayen
2000 News
2030 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Space Adventures
10.15 Harat Al Bahar
11.15 Abu Saleh Youreend

12.30 Magic Show
1.00 News
1.05 World today via Satellite

1.40 Awaq Al Daliya
3.35 Cartoons
4.15 The Saint: English serial starring Roger Moore as Simon Templar

5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show
7.15 The Equestrian
7.45 Ma'a Al Islam
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab

9.00 News
10.00 Arabic feature film
11.45 Thursday Late Night variety show

12.45 Musical programme
1.30 News Summary
1.35 World Today via Satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
10.15 Al Saif Al Maqoud: serial for children starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmed Al Hazeem, Ali Al Mufidi, and Awatef Mohammed

10.45 Religious programme

11.15 Friday prayer
12.25 Al Riza Al Nour: religious programme
1.00 News

1.05 World Today Via satellite
1.35 Variety Show
2.00 Cultural Film
2.30 Religious talk

3.30 Hindi feature film
5.45 Cartoons
6.15 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a week

7.30 Archaeology and Islamic Arts in Morocco
9.00 News
9.45 Wrestling
10.45 Naseeb: local weekly serial

11.45 News Summary
11.50 World today via satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoon serial
6.30 Sesame Street: educational show for young viewers

7.30 Mac and Mutley: present mini-horses; search for lost dogs
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: All roads lead to the highwayman when it comes to saving the innocent, this week, a young girl is kidnapped by coniving gangsters

9.30 The Cosby Show:

Theo is put on trial after returning home late one night. Starring: Bill Cosby

10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools: a 30-minute show about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sports-women

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Starflight One." Starring: Lee Majors, Lauren Hutton. They planned to fly to Australia — outspace was not on the schedule of a commercial flight

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
4.30 Italian Football

5.30 Walt Disney Hour: "You Ruined My Life." Walt Disney's family drama about a spoiled girl learning to behave herself in public under the tutelage of a professor

7.00 Star Trek: "The New Generation." The next generation of spacemen play Romulan war games in outer space. Keo accuses Capt. Peckard of being uncivilised but Troy intervenes to set the record straight

8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: highlights of English League football matches

9.50 Jack Thompson, Down Under: searching for gold in Australian waters, fishing tuna and studying wildlife

10.30 Diamonds
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes — for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Bengali Play
OCT 17/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

KLT
OCT 31-NOV 3: KLT's comedy, Two and Two Make Six, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala show with dinner at 8 pm on Oct 31. Subsequent shows at 8.15 pm on Nov 1/2/3. Tickets

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert; at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funaites, 3.30 pm: The Kuwaiti Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks, choreography by Naeesh and Qariba; break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

IAC Musical Nite
OCT 13: IAC, Funaites, Punjabi, Tamil and Malayalam film songs will be presented by local vocalists. For reservations phone 3904817.

Fiaselle/Kapilku
OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm: Kapilku and Fiaselle will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 6534200; Florence — 2439451; Jojo — 9039593.

Colva Nite
OCT 27: 8.30 pm, MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm)

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 9.30 pm: The airline staff's first get-together: lavish buffet, music by Juke Box

Band, Stepping Stones, Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto, Jazz Quartet. Contest, prizes and surprise. For details ring John — 2434313/24, Tony 2415439.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions, will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

CINEMA
British Council
OCT 16: 6.30 pm, British Council, Mansouriya: This month's feature film, Dream-child, the compelling story of Alice Hargreaves who relives her past, moving between a hallucinogenic "Wonderland Oxford" in the 1860s and New York of the 1930s. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SOCIAL
Tug of War Competition
OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on Oct 21 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Goan Fiesta 88
OCT 13: 8.30 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel (MBH), Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For reservations phone Tom — 2421434; Wilson — 2416298; Tony — 3985040; Almeida — 4815740.

Kuwait Players Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom: Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

Daniella Tennis
CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for players with all levels of skill — singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be played. Register between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lene — 2544988, 8 am-12 noon.

SPORTS
Scuba Diving
NAUI scuba diving club starting up again. Call Frank: 4830570/4830474.

Koos Annual Ball
OCT 25: KOOSA's (Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association) Annual Regatta Ball in the Sheraton Hotel. Tickets KD 10. Formal dress. For more details or tickets contact John Waters of Frank Graham on Tel: 5326145 or 2466848.

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

PRAYERS

Fajr 4.29 am
Zuhr 11.34
Asr 2.52 pm
Maghreb 5.20
Isha 6.38

FRIDAY

Fajr 4.30 am
Friday Prayer 11.34
Asr 2.52 pm
Maghreb 5.19
Isha 6.36

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Thought for today

INDIVIDUALS may form committees, but it is institutions alone that create a nation — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).

Israeli elections

Likud portrays itself as peacemaker

By Joel Greenberg

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: A flight of doves seemed an unlikely backdrop for an election advertisement by Israel's ruling Likud. But it was there, splashed across two full pages in national newspapers.

Likud, fighting critics who accuse it of political intransigence, is selling itself as the only party that can make peace.

Likud's rival in the Nov 1 national elections, the centrist Labour party, is combatting charges that it has a weak and vacillating policy. It is trying to project solid credibility, billing itself as the party which will show "the way to a breakthrough" toward peace and security.

In Israel, voters cast their ballot for a party, not a candidate. The proportion of the total vote that a party receives determines how many candidates on its party "list" win seats in the Knesset, or parliament, and indirectly determines who becomes prime minister.

Early polls have shown that the two coalition partners in Israel's "national unity government" are neck and neck.

The Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories has made the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip the central election issue. To gain the advantage, each party is playing on voters' fears.

Likud warns that withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank, as advocated by the Labour party, will leave those territories to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), threatening Israel's existence.

Time bomb
Labour argues that Likud's formula for retaining the occupied territories, with 1.4 million disenfranchised Palestinians, is "a demographic timebomb" threatening Israel's Jewish and democratic character. The reasoning goes thus: If Israel rules those Arabs without giving them full citizenship, it won't be a democracy. If it grants them citizenship, they will within years outnumber Jewish citizens, ending Israel's Jewish nature.

The appeals are aimed at what is known here as "the floating vote" — that group of Israelis which, according to the polls, has yet to make up their minds between the two major parties.

A survey published by the

Israel Institute of Applied Social Research showed that the number of undecided voters had increased in recent months, and that with the elections less than a month away, 27 per cent of the voters have still not decided how to cast their ballots.

"Only the Likud, which achieved the first peace agreement with an Arab state, can continue and expand peace with more Arab states," says the giant Likud ad, recalling the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, signed by then Likud Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"Peace will not be achieved through weakness or concessions in advance," the ad said. "A Likud government will work for peace from a position of strength and security, through direct negotiations, and not by escaping to an international peace conference, which will damage our independence and ability to negotiate."

Inflation
The Labour party, in its advertisements, shows party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres sitting confidently before a solid-looking wooden bookcase.

"We promised. We delivered," is the message. Israel pulled out of Lebanon and tamed its spiralling inflation when Peres was prime minister in the coalition government from 1984-86, and now the Labour party will show the way to peace negotiations and a political settlement which will leave Israel "Jewish, free, and democratic," the ad says.

Peres was explicit about withdrawal, a political risky term, when he launched his party's campaign recently. "We shall rid ourselves of Gaza," he told a party meeting. "We shall rid ourselves of areas densely populated by Arabs." He charged that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who heads Likud, wants annexation of the occupied territories.

The Labour platform calls for withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank in an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. It also calls for talks with Jordan and the Palestinians on the future of the occupied territories.

Likud, for its part, has warned that Labour's formula will lead to establishment of a hostile, PLO-led state on Israel's doorstep in the territories it evacuates. Likud activists organized a tour to commanding West Bank hilltops last week, to demonstrate Israel's vulnerability to attack from those heights.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Deng threatens to dismiss officials

By Jane McCartney

BEIJING, (UPI): Mao Tse-tung's greatest feat was to unify China under communist rule. But his achievement may be coming apart as provincial leaders use Deng Xiaoping's liberal reform programme to create their own local fiefdoms.

So acute are Communist Party fears that the country may be disintegrating gradually into a collection of local spheres of influence, the 84-year-old Deng has threatened to dismiss regional officials who ignore central directives.

"The Central Committee has assigned power, but it can also take back that power," Chinese sources quoted Deng as warning in a major speech to provincial party secretaries at a crucial working conference last month.

The Central Committee publicly demanded obedience from its 48 million members, reminding them "the party's role as the core of the leadership and party discipline should be stressed, local interests must be subordinated to those of the whole."

Reform
The warning came as the party slammed the brakes on a reform programme that has reduced dependence on rigid central planning while granting provinces the right to draw up budgets, control bank lending and obtain foreign investment for local projects.

The results have included a disorganised monetary policy, rampant black marketeering, the worst inflation under communist rule and nationwide corruption by officials who are exploiting an economy trapped between central planning and market freedom.

Deng's unpublished address marks the second time in less than five years the communist strongman has tackled the divisive forces that led to the downfall of so many Chinese dynasties before communism arrived in 1949.

Since China's first emperor unified the country and won the "mandate of heaven," or the right to rule, in 221 BC, the crucial task of every ruler has been to hold together his domain. Whether the system works always has been secondary to maintaining cohesion.

During the last 10 years, Deng has used his power to encourage sweeping market-oriented reforms that have granted increasing levels of autonomy to many of China's 29 provinces in a bid to boost economic efficiency and introduce competition.

Southern Guangdong province, which borders Hong Kong, has been designated as an experimental zone for reform. Local officials there have called openly for yet more independence from Beijing — even suggesting a federation modelled on the United States — if their privileged status is to be effective.

Rivalries
Other coastal provinces also have been given special rights aimed at accelerating the development of export-oriented enterprises, a move that has aroused bitter resentment and inter-provincial rivalries from poorer inland areas.

Decentralisation, in many cases has placed nearly unlimited power in the hands of local party secretaries or provincial governors. Lower level officials have amassed similar influence in smaller dominions.

India's nuclear programme

SIR: The Press and Cultural Attache of the Pakistan Embassy has through your columns (AT Sept 29, 1985) made some unwarranted comments about India's nuclear programme and the situation in Punjab.

In order to set the record straight I might point out that while India has made much progress in nuclear technology it is commonly acknowledged that its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful in nature. The same cannot be said of Pakistan's nuclear programme and it is well known that Pakistan on its part has been single-mindedly pursuing a clandestine weapons oriented nuclear programme.

Pakistan's proposals to us on the nuclear issue are essentially propagandist in nature and cannot be taken seriously in the context of its relentless quest for nuclear weapons. Given the global reach of nuclear weapons, this issue cannot possibly be handled in a narrow bilateral or regional context as has been attempted by Pakistan.

As regards the situation in Punjab, it is absurd to contend that the Government of India encouraged Sikh extremists or that the Sikh community has been alienated due to the eviction of extremist and criminal elements from the Golden Temple. The problem in Punjab is the handiwork of a relatively small number of terrorists who are being aided and abetted by outside forces. Detailed evidence in regard to terrorist activities directed against India has been handed over by us to the government of Pakistan.

Atish Sinha,
Charge d' Affaires,
Embassy of India,
Kuwait.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Correspondence on this subject is closed.

Drastic changes

SIR: I was happy to read in the Arab Times the views of two parents who were distressed about the change of uniforms in the New Indian School, Jabrya.

Children of Std XII, who will be in the school for just a few months, are also asked to have new uniforms. Another problem is the school now charges KDS for the diary instead of KDI charged previously, and the science journal costs KDS which is exorbitant.

Are all these changes just the fancies of the new management or are they done with the permission of the Ministry of Education? I think parents have the right to know.

As rightly pointed out in the previous letters, there were no drastic changes during the term of the previous principal.

W. D'Cunha,
(A distressed parent)
Hawalli.

Sports centre for Muslim women

SIR: I am surprised that there is not a single sports centre for Muslim women in Kuwait. Sports and recreation facilities which Kuwait now has are geared towards the non-Muslims and foreigners who have no inhibitions about the mixing of the sexes which Islam strictly forbids.

What we need is an indoor, all-year-round, sports centre where we can take our children and swim and exercise. Isn't it humiliating enough to sit and watch others having a good time while we look fat and unhealthy in "Islamic gear"?

We want to do something but there is no place where we can go. Daily exercise is required to keep fit and not just three days a week offered by many sea clubs to women in general.

Why should we lose our dignity and self respect and try to fit into something not geared to suit us. Patience is a virtue, but in our case it's a strain.

Jlana Burable,
Al Rowdhah.

Senseless spending

SIR: The former students of Aligarh Muslim University are planning to arrange shortly a grand and lavish dinner in a five-star hotel in honour of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, the founder of the university.

If people go through the life and work of Sir Syed, they will definitely forget about the lavish dinners and will start to devote their energies to his mission.

Sir Syed saved and accepted even a paise for the AMU fund. But now self-claimed followers of Sir Syed are just humiliating his esteemed image by their immature steps. Sir Syed was our spiritual leader who was foresighted and aware of the future of Muslims.

Islam strictly prohibits this senseless spending which is causing a gap between two brothers.

My young friends should be generous enough to transfer this amount to poor students fund at AMU, Aligarh. I am confident that the soul of the great leader will be more pleased by this step.

Syed Mohd Arif,
Ex-Hon Secretary AMU,
Students Union.

Unpleasant surprise

SIR: I had an unpleasant surprise whilst returning from Goa to Kuwait on Sept 17, on Air India flight 581.

At Bombay International Airport, Sahar, we boarded again on the same Air India plane that came from Goa at 17.30 hours. Suddenly there was an announcement regarding flight details, first in Malayalam, followed by Hindi and English.

How is it that Air India uses

Malayalam for announcements even though this particular flight did not originate in Kerala. On the other hand if regional language is necessary it should have been rightly to use Konkani as the flight originated in Goa. Will Air India also consider using other regional languages besides Malayalam for the benefit of non-Malayalees? Or is Air India prejudiced to other languages.

Tarquino de Souza,
Safat.

How to avoid congestion

SIR: The schools have reopened but there is no noticeable traffic congestion. However, when winter timings begin in various ministries and offices, the never ending serpentine queues will start.

A solution to this problem is to adhere in winter to the same office timings as of summer. It is better to be comfortable within the cosy warm office building rather than fume on the roads for more than half an hour freezing, sneezing, losing patience and temper and above all arrive late to the office.

L. Narasalah,
Safat.

Risk allowance

SIR: I was working for the Ministry of Electricity and Water and was receiving a risk allowance (danger allowance) till



Sept 1985.

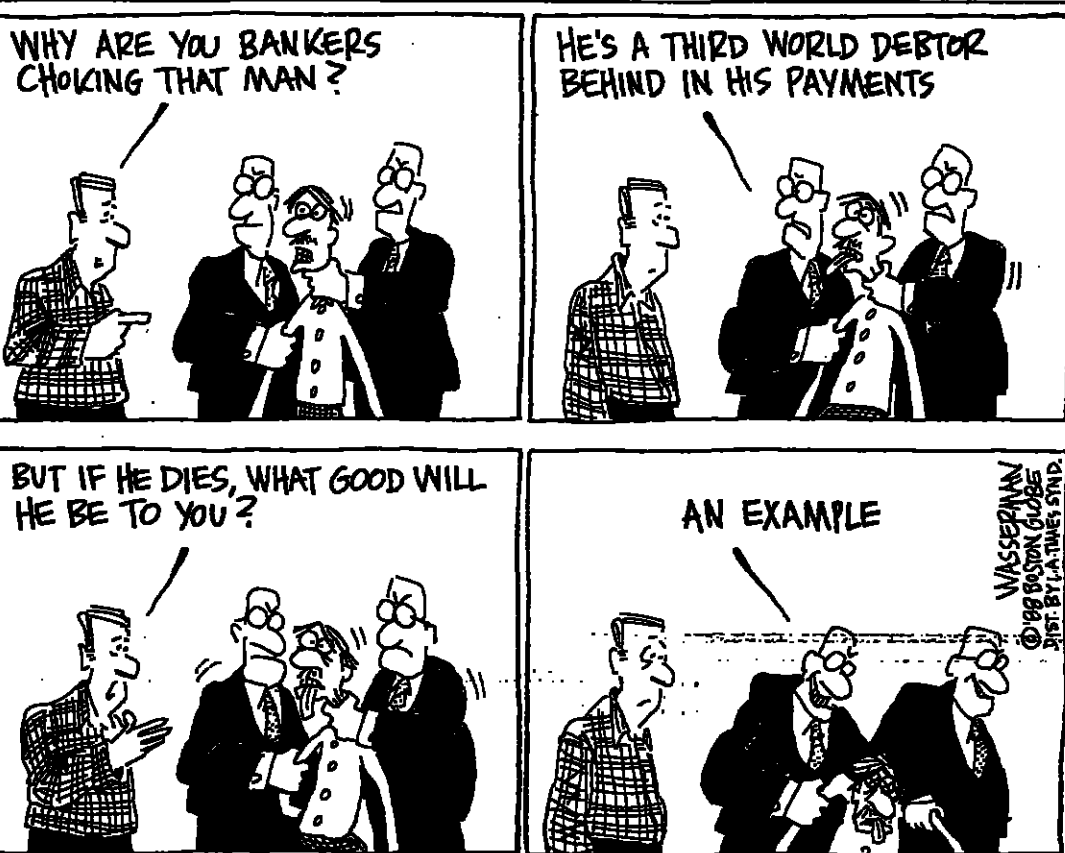
On Oct 1, 1985, I and some of my colleagues were transferred to the Health Ministry. Since then the risk allowance is not included in our salary. As we are doing the same type of job, we are entitled to the allowance. We approached the authorities several times but to no avail.

The Ministry of Electricity pays risk allowance to almost all its technical staff whereas other ministries neglect those who actually work on electricity.

We request the concerned authorities to reconsider the matter so that the staff working on electricity in other ministries may receive the risk allowance.

Name and address supplied.

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By William Echikson

Yugoslavia exhibits Western-style diversity

LJUBLJANA. Yugoslavia: When Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev visited this Alpine republic earlier this year, his hosts were not impressed. "Perestroika and glasnost, that's old stuff here," said Mita Mersot, an editor of the daily Delo. "We don't compare ourselves with Russia, we compare ourselves with the West."

If the statement sounds a bit arrogant, well the Slovenes have a right to be a bit arrogant. More than anywhere else in the communist world, Slovenia has become a laboratory for democracy.

Slovene newspapers exhibit a Western-style diversity. Trade unions lead strikes. And the Socialist Alliance even sees itself as an "opposition party" within the party, with the role of representing alternative viewpoints.

Slovenes and other East Europeans credit their growing freedom to a process called "Civil Society." In Gorbachev's Soviet Union or Deng Xiaoping's China, reform comes from above, and both leaders have a deep mistrust of anything not initiated or controlled by the

Communist Party. In Slovenia, changes are coming from below. "The idea of our Civil Society is to control the state's power by making sure the party no longer can dictate decisions to a passive public," said Tamas Mastnak, sociologist and spokesman for the independent Ljubljana Peace Group. "People must be able to choose among several different points of view."

This Slovene model took form in unique circumstances. Most of what is now Yugoslavia languished under Ottoman rule; the Roman Catholic Slovenes prospered under rule from Vienna. This heritage, Slovenes say, accounts for their Western orientation and work habits.

In 1948, Josip Broz Tito took Yugoslavia out of the Soviet orbit, opening its borders, injecting market forces into its economy, and decentralising its political structure. Today, the ruling Communist Party in Belgrade can no longer control local leaderships in each of the six republics and two autonomous provinces.

With its 2 million inhabitants, only 8 per cent of Yugoslavia's population, the republic generates nearly one-fifth of Yugoslavia's GNP and a quarter of its vital hard-currency exports. Per capita incomes run to twice the national average.

These material benefits long managed to limit dissent. But as Yugoslavia's economy fell into crisis at the end of the 1970s, Slovenians began to grumble. Strongman Tito's death in 1980 gave individual republics more room to complain.

Youth took advantage of the new leeway. Students began championing a long list of causes that have angered the federal authorities: conscientious objection to military service, a ban on nuclear power, and an end to celebrations of Tito's birthday.

They took over the Socialist Youth Alliance, normally a party-controlled institution, and enlarged it to include associations for ecologists, feminists, pacifists, homosexuals.

"You name it, we have a group for it," boasts Socialist Youth Alliance co-ordinator Ingrid Bakke.

The groups pack a strong punch. In a 1986 referendum, the ecologists successfully organised a campaign to defeat a proposed increase in the environmental protection tax. The Greens argued that a different policy, not more money, was needed. A referendum was held.

The Greens won, and the authorities accepted the verdict. Slovene communists have discarded the old Marxist premise of communist infallibility, that the party represents all groups in society. "We realize that we cannot represent everybody's interests," explains Peter Bekes, director of Ljubljana's Institute of Marxism-Leninism. "These youth groups raise new ideas which must be taken into account."

Hard-line military leaders are shocked by this liberalism. After Mladina, the Socialist Youth Alliance magazine, attacked Defence Minister Branko Mamula earlier this year for selling arms to hungry Ethiopia, the Army struck back.

The Christian Science Monitor

Spiral of violence in Algeria

By Jonathan Clayton

ALGIERS. (Reuter): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has pleaded political changes to win popular backing for economic reforms that have sparked week-long, anti-government riots over falling living standards.

But diplomats and political analysts have voiced doubts about whether the speech will be sufficient to end the spiral of violence that began with rioting last Tuesday.

In a 30-minute address to the nation on Monday, Chadli promised to bring forward comprehensive political reforms but said an economic liberalisation programme would not be abandoned.

"He is saying trust me, support me, but go home," one Western diplomat has been heard, but no more of this," one Western diplomat said.

Strengthen
Analysts said Chadli was now clearly seeking to use the unrest, in which unconfirmed reports say up to 200 people have been killed, to strengthen his hand against opponents to change within the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN).

"The big question is what will be the reaction on the streets. Will it be enough?" One diplomat said.

Sporadic gunfire could be heard echoing around the Algerian capital on Tuesday morning.

Other analysts said the speech was addressed to the politically astute but would not calm the anger of people fed up with rising prices and food shortages.

However, early indications were that it had been well received, particularly by intellectuals who interpreted it as a promise of democratic freedom.

By Eric Hall

DUBAI. (Reuter): Iran is further opening a diplomatic door to the West, with Britain crossing the threshold to join nations already at home with the populous and strategically placed nation.

Diplomats based in the Gulf said Friday's decision by Britain and Iran to reopen diplomatic relations was a key piece in the new political jigsaw which has appeared since the August 20 ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq.

France ended a nearly year-old rupture in relations with Iran in June, one month after Tehran helped negotiate the release of the last three French hostages in Lebanon.

As well as enhanced trade ties, Britain will be hoping Iran can use its influence to secure the release of three British hostages still held in Lebanon.

Last month Iran helped negotiate the release by radical gunmen in Beirut of Rudolf Cordes, the last remaining West German hostage.

Rewards
West Germany and several other Western nations maintained good relations with Iran throughout the Gulf war and Tehran has already said such nations would reap the rewards when post-war reconstruction began.

Iran, exhausted and economically devastated, needs money and technology to reconstruct and re-arm, the diplomats said.

"They need access to certain things, things which made them lose the war," said one Western diplomat.

The West, for its part, cannot

Benjedid promises political reforms

In recent months Chadli has faced growing resistance within the FLN to reforms which broadly lessen state control of the centralised socialist economy.

Appealing to the people to end the disturbances, the president made no direct reference to the FLN — the offices of which have been a favourite target for youths frustrated with poor living standards and unemployment.

"The riots have not been against Chadli. It is known he faces opposition in the party. The party has largely been against the party. This gives him an opportunity to overcome the opposition. Ironically, he could emerge stronger," one diplomat said.

"The irony of this outburst is that in many ways the rioters and Chadli want the same thing," a Middle East analyst based in Algiers for more than ten years said.

Chadli gave no details of his planned changes but he said they had been in the works for a long time. He hinted heads would roll at the very top.

Abuse
"There are measures decided ... concerning those who abuse power or who are not up to their responsibilities, no matter at what level," he said.

But first Chadli, speaking in Arabic and using the familiar form of address, said the unrest, which had threatened to drift into civil war, must end.

He faced an important congress of the FLN — only the sixth

since independence from France in 1962 — at which he must seek a new mandate as party head.

Under Algeria's one-party constitution, the party leader automatically becomes sole candidate for president.

Political analysts say his opposition has so far been unorganised, but unless calm can be restored swiftly he could face a serious challenge to his leadership.

A hard-line speech by Chadli on Sept 19 in which he warned Algerians of more belt-tightening has been blamed for igniting a wave of industrial unrest which preceded the riots.

Denounced
In his address, Chadli angrily denounced unnamed elements for twisting his words and said they falsely accused him of trying to prepare a third term as president.

Diplomats said it was an indirect reference to dissatisfied FLN groups thought to have been behind wildcat strikes in vehicle assembly plants on the edge of Algiers.

"I believe in constitutional legality, and I shall apply the Algerian constitution myself," Chadli said.

He reminded Algerians he was a reluctant compromise candidate for the presidency in 1979 after the death of his dictatorial predecessor Houari Boumedienne.

Chadli said the reform measures had been forced on the country by plunging oil revenues, drought and high population growth.

Iran opening its doors to the West

indefinitely afford to snub a nation which bestrides the world's major oil trade route, which stands between the Soviet Union and the sea, and which wields wide influence in the Islamic world, diplomats said.

European and US business is also keen to return to strength in a market of 50 million people, three times the population of Iraq, diplomatic economists said.

Competing
Western firms will be competing with Japanese and South Korean corporations for contracts to rebuild after war damage which Iranian officials estimate at about \$400 billion.

It remains to be seen how Iranian relations develop with the United States and the Gulf Arab states.

Diplomatic political analysts said the fullest sign of Iran's rapprochement with the West would be resumption of some kind of ties with Washington, still dubbed the "great satan" by spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Even Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, widely seen at home and abroad as one of the most cautious leaders when it comes to opening up to the West, has said Iran will accept Western funds and technology when necessary.

Mousavi nevertheless ruled out any early restoration of ties with Washington and most Western diplomats believe that as long as 85-year-old Khomeini

guides Iran there will be no thaw.

But one diplomat was not so sure. "People also said there was no chance of the war ending when Khomeini was alive," he said.

Dialogue
There may be the chance of new dialogue after the departure in November from the White House of President Reagan, seen by many Iranians as chief architect of Western hostility toward their country, the diplomat said.

Economically, Iran may find it hard to rebuild its oilfields without US expertise, and its Army still has US equipment which is useless without US spares, the economists said.

In the Gulf, signs are that Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain, the states which felt most threatened by Iran's bid to export its brand of Islamic revolution, have been encouraged by Tehran's cautious olive branches.

Kuwait has already sent envoys to Tehran and diplomatic sources said Bahrain expected a new Iranian charge d'affaires to reopen lines of communication between the two countries.

"I think they (the Gulf states) all realise that they are going to have to do business with Iran. But they remain wary," said one diplomat.

Iran also lost export earnings when the three Gulf states severed commercial ties during the war, the economists said.

Arabic calligraphy: "لا اله الا الله" (There is no god but Allah)

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Sympathetic portrait of Indian 'godfather' in Feroz Khan's 'Dayavan'

Attaching showbiz glamour to criminals

By
Feroze Rangoonwalla

THERE is something so fascinating in the life of a criminal and his rags-to-riches story that film-makers keep returning again and again to that source for their subject material.

The most glamorous symbols of crime in contemporary society are the smugglers. People talk about them in hushed tones and with an admiration that cannot often be suppressed. They are made out to be like modern day Robin Hoods, robbing the rich, to pay the poor with a little bit for themselves as well. Their daring deeds are often painted as legendary on the screen.

The most recent and also the most talked-about case is Feroz Khan's 'Dayavan', which is a re-make of the Tamil original 'Nayakan'. It is said to be a dramatised account of the life and times of Vardharajan, who rose from very poor conditions to become a powerful 'Don' in Madras and Bombay.

He was reported to be kind-hearted to the have-nots, so



Feroz Khan and Vinod Khanna (right) in a scene from Dayavan. Feroz had an entire 'slum' created for the film.

much so that the underdogs and slum dwellers almost worshipped him. When he died

recently, there was great sorrow and some areas of both cities were shut down forcibly as a mark of respect.

The story of 'Nayakan' and the superb performance of Kamalahaasan were so attractive that the film became a big hit all over the South. It was acclaimed by critics and even sent for an Oscar nomination.

Impressed by all this, Feroz Khan put off his plan for the multi-star 'Valmiki' and bought the rights of 'Nayakan'. As he wanted to make this a saleable project, he cast it with his partner Vinod Khanna, who was very eager to do the central role. Vinod however is not perfectly suited to the character, or willing to make the sacrifices which the role demands, like getting his head clean shaven, in the manner of Kamalahaasan.

Nevertheless, Vinod gave a whole lot of shooting dates to Feroz, even at the cost of other

producers and 'Dayavan' was completed in the record time of seven months. For the supporting cast, Feroz has chosen smaller stars like Madhuri Dixit, Amala, Anuradha, Aditya Pancholi and Alok Nath. For himself, Feroz reserved the role of the Muslim friend, whose family shelters Vinod in the early difficult days of his career. In this manner, the angle of communal integration is taken care of, and both sections of the audience can identify with the film. Amrish Puri is the bald-headed policeman who pursues Vinod relentlessly.

Feroz acted wisely by putting up big sets in Madras and continuously shooting there. The simple regional star Kamalahaasan would often come on a bicycle and watch the shooting. Perhaps, he was laughing up his sleeves, watching Vinod trying to imitate him and failing to reach that level of realism.

The big set of the 'basti' or shanty town was built over five acres of land and it stood there for several months, while the stars kept coming as per their shooting schedules.

One big problem was getting an adequate supply of water for the 'rainy' effect on screen. Madras has been suffering from an acute water shortage with residents getting their water supply once in every two or three days. But Feroz was undaunted. He spent heavily on getting water in special tankers. Even some fire brigades were on hand to pump out water if necessary. A big pool of stagnant water was made so realistic, that it began to stink! Amrish Puri was supposed to wallow in it, for his death scene. Unit hands poured detergent and perfumes in vain, but fortunately Amrish arrived and performed without a fuss.

Crowd scenes with dozens of junior artists were also filmed on the slum set. Keeping the area continuously in a 'bad' condition entailed the work of many skilled hands and cost the producer quite a packet.

The film story has added a lot of fiction to the life of Vardharajan Mudaliar and has made him out to be some kind of a messiah of the poor. Right from childhood, he veers between good and bad, right and wrong. His father, a mill worker gets involved in trade



Vinod as the Mafia 'Don' in Dayavan fraternises with the slum dwellers. Water was a problem in Madras but producer Feroz Khan spent a fortune getting it in tanks and fire brigades.

union fights and is killed by a police inspector. The boy kills the cop and runs away to Bombay. He finds refuge with a Muslim family, where the father earns his living by transporting the wares of some big smugglers. His son and the hero grow up as friends and learn the same business.

One day when the Muslim guardian also gets killed by an inspector, the hero finishes off this policeman. Then he tries to compensate the cop's widow, who has a lunatic son. Now he takes to smuggling and other crimes in a big way but also keeps helping the poor by exerting his influence as a sort of 'god father'. He uplifts a girl (Madhuri) who is driven by adversity and marries her. They

have a son and daughter who grow up in the same atmosphere. The girl (Amala) begins to hate her father's way of life and he fails to win her over. His business makes him helpless.

One during a gang war, his wife becomes a victim. His son also dies in an accident. And he gets thoroughly broken when he hears that his daughter has married a police officer who is dead against the smuggling ring. Though the courts may acquit him, his conscience does not and his unfulfilled life comes to an end. 'Dayavan' has made a few deviations from the original 'Nayakan', and while there is more gloss and grandeur on the big screen, the earthy spirit of the original is difficult to capture.

Questions are also being raised whether films that glorify smugglers and anti-socials are desirable for the people, especially when the 'Adults only' certificate has lost its meaning, with films being freely seen by all on video.

Earlier, Amitabh Bachchan had done 'Deewar', loosely based on the life of a former smuggler which garnered a lot of sympathy. Vinod Khanna does not have that kind of charm and is liked only as a macho hero. Still, such films brainwash people into believing that the 'mafia Dons' are the real saviours, while the keepers of law and justice are the enemies. The long-term consequences of this can be really dangerous.

Behind the screen

The sad news about Raakhee is that she has started drinking heavily. Frustration in her career and family life seem to be the cause. Failure to achieve acting glory and awards, or a patch-up with Gulzar remained beyond her. So she has opted to follow the foot-steps of Meena Kumari, without even having a Pakeeza on the horizon. The only actor who provides some solace to her is Anupam Kher.

Is Parveen Babi dead? Unconfirmed reports say that someone matching her description was found murdered in Buffalo, USA with the face mutilated. Others say that she is happily married in Atlanta. With rapid communication in the modern age, cannot such things be checked out correctly? Or is the mystery being kept up deliberately for her return?

The rivalry between Sonam and Mandakini has taken a silly turn. It seems that Mandakini's brother Bhanu (false name) was the boyfriend of Sonam before she became a star, and wants to include his former girlfriend in his fathers production 'Naamcheen.'

Manda has vetoed the idea. On the other hand Sonam says she never even wanted to work in the film. The clawing game between the two exposing experts continues.

Govind Nihalani had a special soft corner for Deepa Sahi. Remember all those long, loving but needless close-ups of Deepa in 'Tamas'? But the actress soon got fed up of art films and Govind. She wanted to make it on the commercial scene. Hence a role in 'Hero Hiralal' and 'Friendship' with director Ketan Mehta. But then Ketan is already married to a Gujarati mill owner's daughter, who is an art designer. Moreover, Deepa's commercial career has only sisterly roles, as in 'Dushman' with Mithun.

Govinda is always very nervous when foreign visitors come on the sets and want to chat with him about his Western dancing. After a little 'yes', 'sure', 'fine', the poor boy falls back on his secretary. What Govinda really needs is a permanent interpreter, for English.



Raakhee: drowning her sorrows in alcohol

'Why did Rekha agree to go ugly and simple in the first half of 'Khoon Bhari Maang'?

Because Shabana Azmi has done the same and won big awards.



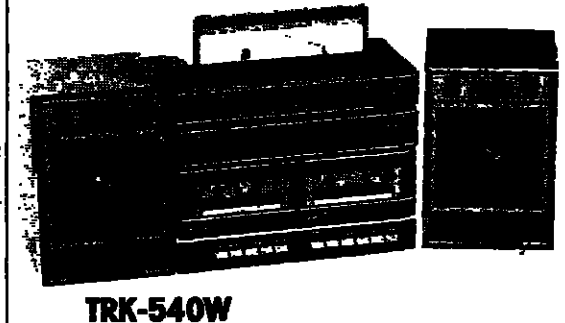
Parveen Babi: wanted dead or alive



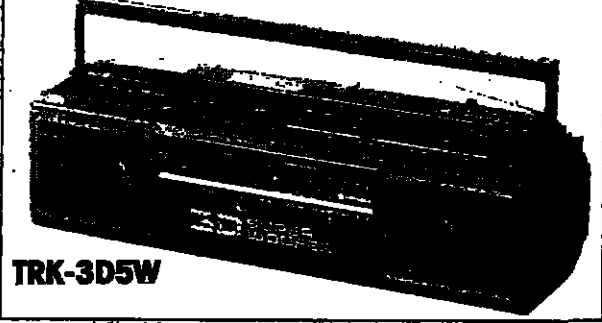
Mandakini and Sonam: still clawing each other

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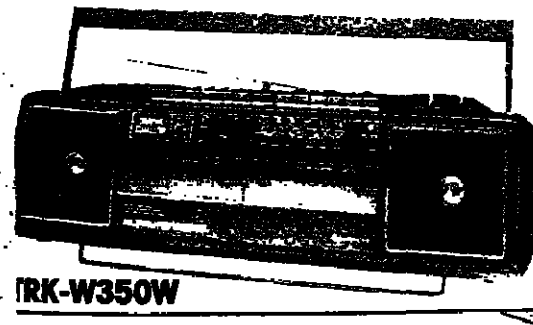
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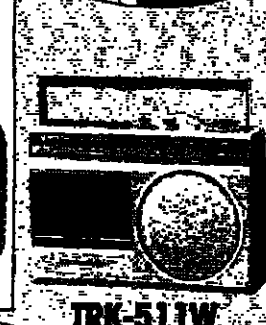
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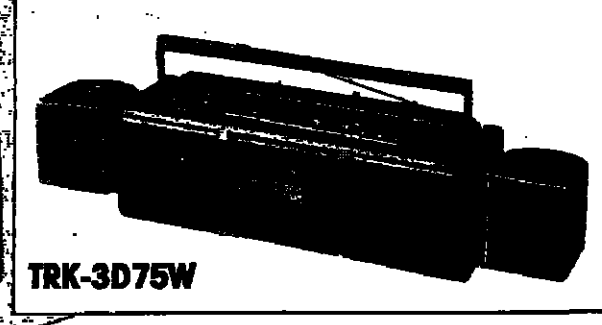
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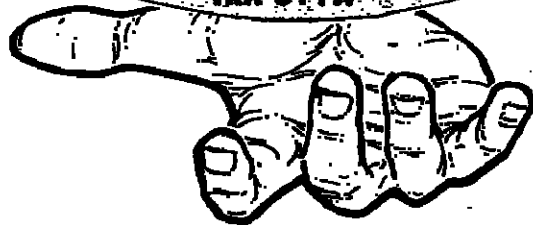
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ANDY CAPP

By Smith



KEN EDWARDS' stage act is really creepy and it's hardly likely anyone will ever try to copy it. For Ken's assistants are dozens of live wild rats that he catches in the local sewers.

And he entertains his audiences by stuffing the rodents down the front of the fishnet tights he wears during his act!

His record so far is to have worn 47 of them.

"I always clean up the rats in my bath before using them though," reveals Ken, from Manchester, UK.

Some people will do anything to get into the record books. It was kissing a pig that brought fame to Sergie Kelnikof at Omak, USSR, in 1981. For 23 minutes and 14 seconds, he kissed at the rate of 50 times a minute. It's a record that hasn't been beaten since.

Frenchman Michel Lotito uses the stage name Konsieur Mangoutou (Mr Eat all), which is very apt considering his amazing gastronomic achievements.

In recent years, Michel has astounded friends and doctors by eating:

- Eight bicycles — one of them in the record time of 10 days.
- Seven TV sets.
- Eighty feet of steel chain.
- A supermarket trolley in the record time of four-and-a-half days.
- A complete Cessna light airplane.

● A six-and-a-half foot by three foot wooden coffin.

The metal was all ground and cut into filings and the other materials, such as rubber, plastic, fabric and wood, were chopped up and boiled before being swallowed.

Says Mike Barwell in his fascinating new book about such feats: "Unless you have a lead-lined stomach and the constitution of a Sherman tank, don't attempt to beat these records!"

Some of the most remarkable achievements he lists took place at "The Alternative Olympics," held in Hull, Humberside, on August 31, 1986. It was there, for instance, that Kevin Harris and Phil Clarke set a new world record for the one-mile pantomime cow race with a time of 7 minutes and 59 seconds.

And in another mucky one-mile race, competitors had to wear custard-filled boots. Gary Spring squelched first past the post in 5 minutes 21 seconds.

Eating 500 peas with the aid of a cocktail stick brought David Eulford a world record. He managed it in ten minutes and 35 seconds.

They did not have a house-cleaning event at Hull though. When one of those was held at a similar event in Canton, North Carolina, USA, a team of athletes and a combined team of body-builders and weight-lifters competed against each other.

Says Mike Barwell: "Each team had to lift and carry a 55 feet by 25 feet house, weighing 34,000 lbs. The winners were the body-builders and weight-lifters who covered the 50 yard course in just over one minute."

Some people hold records they would rather not have. Finding the lock of his car door frozen during the winter of 1979, for instance, Peter Rowlands decided to breathe warm air on it in an attempt to thaw it. Unfortunately, his lips brushed against the metal lock and froze fast too.

He was stuck there for a painful 20 minutes before being freed.

And when, on October 21, 1983, a postman delivered a

Anything for a record

If you've done something weird — really weird, that is — there might be a place for you in The Alternative Book Of Records, alongside spaghetti bathers, bog squatters and worm charmers.



Worm charming: each person is given a plot of land three square metres and they must try to bring worms to the surface. The contest is held annually.

12th birthday card to Michael Wheller, of St Albans, Herts. Mr Wheller was hardly overjoyed to receive it. It had been posted on June 6, 1941 — a record delay of 42 years!

The most valuable prize ever offered in a raffle was the 390-acre estate of Mullinger, Eire, worth £1,575,000. The man who organised the raffle was the owner, Barney Gurley, a 44-year-old professional gambler. He sold 9,000 tickets at £175 each, achieving the price.

The owner of the winning ticket was Tony Ray of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, who shared his prize with five friends when the draw was held in 1984.

Envy

And you would hardly envy the bride involved in the marriage with the greatest age difference between the bride and groom. It happened in 1983, in Chittagong, Bangladesh, when Imam Ali Azam, 104, married 16-year-old Mariam Begum. But although there was an 88-year difference in their ages, it seems that Ali's motives were quite selfish.

A deeply religious man, he claimed he had married the girl to save her from a poverty-stricken environment in which she was in danger of starving to death.

While on the subject of death, a sexton, Johan Thiems of Aldenburg, Germany, must hold some sort of record. In his 50 years in the job, which ended when he died in 1826, he dug 23,311 graves.

A teddy bear named Mr Whoppit is thought to have travelled faster than any other teddy when he was owned by the late Donald Campbell who held speed records for land and water. Campbell always placed Mr Whoppit under his seat for luck during his attempts. His luck ran out though on June 14, 1967 when his turbo jet engine speedboat, Bluebird K7, crashed at 328 mph.

Campbell's body was never found, but floating with the wreckage was Mr Whoppit.

The bear was recovered and handed to Campbell's family.

One of the strangest events must surely be the World Worm Charming Championships which are held annually at Nantwich, Cheshire. In 1980, Tom Shuffbottom set a new world record for the contest by successfully charming 511 worms to the surface in the allotted 30 minutes.

Explains Mike Barwell: "Competitors in this extraordinary affair are each given a plot of land, three metres square. They attempt to bring up earthworms by inserting an ordinary kitchen fork into the soil and vibrating it manually."

As Mr Shuffbottom demonstrated, it works.

Getting the collecting bug can lead to records, too. One of the most curious collections must be Anthony J. Spellman's board of different types of barbed wire. He has 64 of them to date in his home in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, claimed to be a world record.

Keith Osborne of London is believed to have the biggest collection of British beer labels, having amassed more than 29,000 of them over the years.

It is bricks that have long fascinated Henry Holt of the village of Waterfoot, Lancashire. He has been collecting bricks of all shapes and sizes for more than 21 years and at the last count had 3,454 different British bricks and 88 different foreign ones.

Wonder

His eldest and rarest brick, he says, is Roman and dates from the year 12 BC.

Geoff Weaver of Mold, Wales, is into chimney pots. He has collection of 79 different ones, another record.

You have to wonder if Charles Abbott of Exeter, Devon, wears reinforced gloves when he tends his specialities. Charles is believed to own the largest private collection of cacti in the world. He has a startling 7,479 different varieties of the prickly plants. He pampers them, too. After they have

remained dormant in the greenhouse during the winter, he prepares them for shows by taking them first for a session in the local Turkish bath and then to the hairdresser for a shampoo and trim!

But how, you wonder, does somebody become fascinated by vacuum cleaners? Swiss electronics engineer Peter Frei, 35, He has been collecting manually-operated vacuum cleaners for four years and already has 98 of them, a world record. He hopes to acquire more of them on his vacuum cleaner hunts in Britain and the USA.

But back to those remarkable feats that some people are always willing to try, regardless of how foolish they make them look. Take bog squatting, a favourite event at the White Horse pub at Bootham, York.

Contestants must remain seated on the toilet with trousers and underpants down for as long as they can endure. It's the landlord of the pub, Frank Carlin, who holds the record for the longest bog squat. His session on the loo lasted 4 hours 39 minutes.

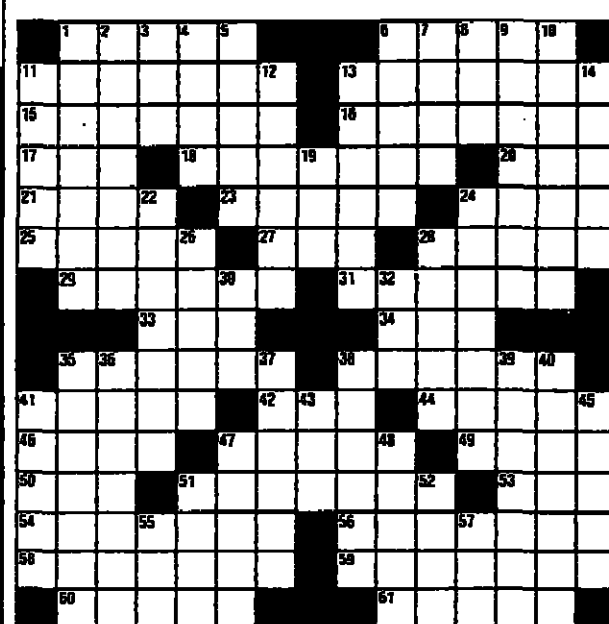
The oldest person to join the Brownies, the junior division of the Girl Guides, was Helen Moss of Bicester, Oxfordshire. Helen was 86 when she was admitted into a local Brownie pack in 1983.

Finally, while most of us love the luxury of relaxing in a nice hot bath of scented water, some people seek fame by bathing in rather different things. For Roger Jones, of Redditch, Worcestershire, it was a bath of cold porridge. By sitting in it for 80 hours and 36 minutes in 1986, he achieved a record time.

Disc jockey Rob Gordon of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, sat in a bath of spaghetti for an incredible 360 hours. He started on September 21, 1984 and finished on October 6, 1984. The bath was mounted on a wheeled trolley so that friends could take him out for a breath of fresh air.

★ The 1988 Alternative Book of Records — by Mike Barwell, Grafton, £7.95.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Urchin
 - 6 Enfold
 - 11 Little Dipper star
 - 13 Foul weather wear
 - 15 Without urging
 - 16 Delation
 - 17 Branch
 - 18 Summon
 - 20 "The Power of Positive Thinking" author's initials
 - 21 In knots
 - 23 Subdue
 - 24 "The — love..."
 - 25 Home of a Biblical witch
 - 27 Cleaver
 - 28 Heaving motion, as a sea
 - 29 Extra charge at the pump
 - 31 Where the Alph flows
 - 33 Retiring
 - 34 Deface
 - 35 Religious residence
 - 38 Hindu wonder-workers
 - 41 Make oneself sleek
 - 42 Moray
 - 44 One of the Ardens
 - 46 Elevate
 - 47 Dickens villain
- DOWN**
- 1 Defendant at Nuremberg
 - 2 Public promenade
 - 3 Like Carroll's hatter
 - 4 Fleur-de-lis
 - 5 City SW of Kalamazoo
 - 6 "Silent Night," e.g.
 - 7 Unreliable one
 - 8 Response: Abbr.
 - 9 Eschewed
 - 10 Upstart
 - 11 Babble
 - 12 Sentence structure
 - 13 Type of camera
 - 14 Lukewarm
 - 19 New Jersey Fort
 - 22 Personal record
 - 24 Humble wind instrument
 - 26 Title for an MP
- ACROSS**
- 49 Askew
 - 50 Everything
 - 51 Loser
 - 53 Dull, resounding sound
 - 54 Snood
 - 56 Restrict
 - 58 Harmonizes
 - 59 Chinese skiffs
 - 60 SA wildcats
 - 61 Quirky
- DOWN**
- 28 Bushmaster, e.g.
 - 30 Scottish seaport
 - 32 MD's group
 - 35 High-ranking ecclesiastic
 - 36 Truth
 - 37 Ferments
 - 38 Coquettes
 - 39 Dinghy
 - 40 Gaunt
 - 41 Czech capital, at home
 - 43 Conceit
 - 45 Songs of praise
 - 47 Absconds
 - 48 Water nymph
 - 51 "— Karenina"
 - 52 Verne character
 - 55 Capek play
 - 57 College div.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 6 3
♥ K 7
♦ K J 10 5
♣ 8 6 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9 5
♥ 3
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ A Q 2

EAST
♠ A 8 4 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ 8 6 3
♣ J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ A Q J 10 8 4 2
♦ A Q
♣ K 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 1NT 2♠
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠
East followed a perfectly sound dictum in the defense of this hand, only to discover that he had handed declarer his vulnerable game. South ignored another and landed his contract.

Note that North was quite content to bid one no trump over the spade overall. Normally, this is a forward-going response, showing 8-10 points, although on this specific auction it could be somewhat lighter since North is bidding under space pressure.

West led the queen of spades, and had South blindly obeyed the tenet of covering an honor with an honor, he would probably have been defeated. East would have won the

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
ACT VIES CAW
ROOT CARLE COME
COMETOLIFE AMEN
SPEARMEN DESERT
SUET REDAS
ACCESS CARABAOS
PRO TONIC MAPLE
POME NITER SADA
ANENT CEDER RIT
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trick, and the shift to the jack of clubs would have been automatic. That would have netted the first four tricks for the defenders.

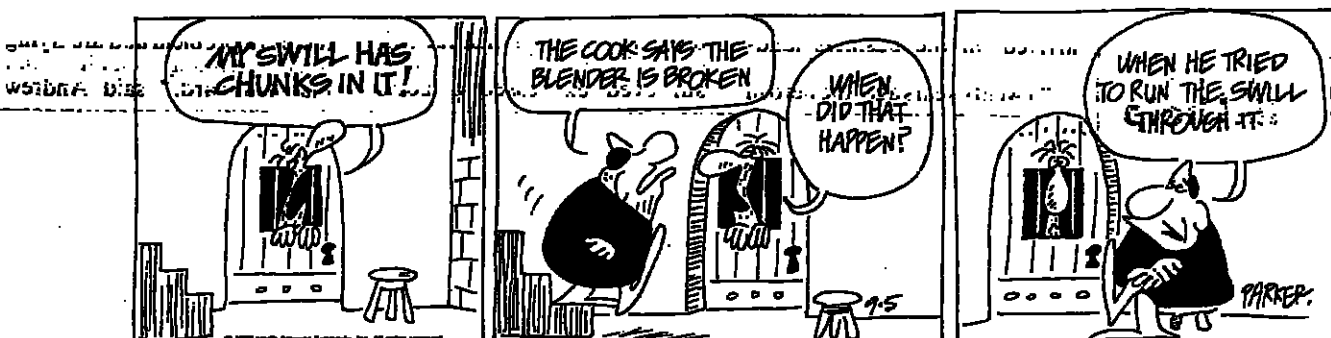
However, declarer realized that the contract was threatened only if East were to gain the lead. To prevent that, he played low from dummy. East remembered the proverb: "Waste not, want not," and signalled encouragement with the eight. Declarer ruffed the spade continuation, drew trumps and discarded two clubs on dummy's diamonds, making an overtrick.

Had East thought of "penny wise, pound foolish," he might have beaten the hand. Since West surely had a five-card suit for his overall, the defenders were never going to collect more than one trick in the suit. To defeat the game, they had to get three tricks in the minor suits, and only one was possible in diamonds. Therefore, at least two had to come from clubs. The only hope for the defenders was for East to rise with the ace of spades at trick one, even though that would set up the king for a discard. The jack of clubs through would then have forced South to bow the knee.



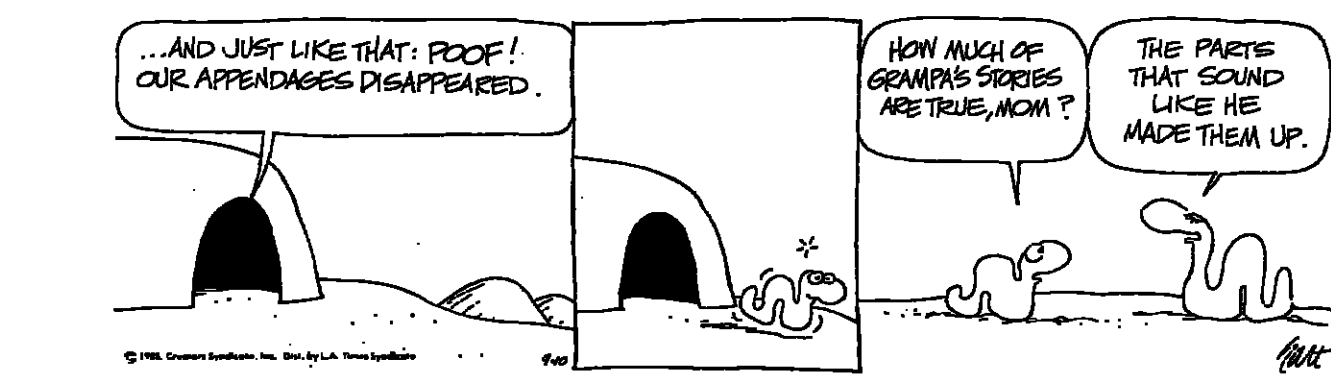
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will feel less like doing what you 'ought' to do. You should avoid saying anything that you might come to regret. Something that you know should be done right away must not be delayed. Be punctual.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>Today's lunar influence will help you to stay on good terms with your colleagues. You will be able to do a favor and should do so. Something that has puzzled you will become much clearer. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>A little more patience is what is needed just now. You should not do to others what you would not wish done to you. You are liable to let a good opportunity pass you by. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>You will be able to show the way whereby two of your friends might reconcile their differences. With a little more goodwill you will be able to resolve a difference of opinion. You should not even attempt to have everything exactly your own way.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You will not find it quite so easy to get on with your colleagues at work. You will find the situation complex but also stimulating. You should exercise a little caution when taking the initiative. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You are liable to become too caught up in details. Try to ensure that you do not enter more commitments than you have time for. You should take good advice seriously. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>The Moon's influence will increase your intuitive powers but you should not place excessive reliance on them. You will be able to make one or two changes for the better. Do not believe everything you hear or would like to believe. Be sincere.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will not be in the best of moods and should do your best not to allow your mood to give rise to a quarrel. You should concentrate on dealing with matters that are most important. Do your best not to get involved in an argument between friends.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>The situation you are in is a little better, but care is still very much needed. You should not be in too great a rush, allow for traffic delays. Pay a little more attention to a personal problem. Be observant.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to do what has to be done. You will be in a better state of mind. Try to see the funny side of the situation. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>The influences are mixed and you would do well not to do anything too out of the ordinary. A little more conciliation will help you to maintain an old friendship. You will have to try to take a little better use of the time at your disposal. Be frank.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will be able to see something that has not been clear to you. It is important that you should not allow yourself to get into arrears with payments. Go out of your way not to do anything that might create confusion. Be objective.</p>

By Art Buchwald

LAST week, Fred Malek, a former Nixon aide, was forced to resign as one of George Bush's chief campaign managers because it was discovered that he had been counting Jews in the Bureau of Labour Statistics. The figures were needed by President Nixon because he suspected that Jewish personnel in the bureau were hurting his economic programmes. After the count, punitive action was taken against two BLS employees.

When the story broke, Malek pleaded innocent and maintained that he had done nothing wrong by being Nixon's people counter. How it all started is anybody's guess. We do know that H. R. Haldeman was the one who passed on President Nixon's orders.

"Fred, the President wants you to add up all the Jews in the BLS."

"Any particular reason, H.R.?"

"The boss is under the impression that there is a Jewish cabal in the department, and he wants to break it up."

The head counter

"Does he want me to count Hispanics, blacks, Lithuanians and Jehovah's Witnesses as well?"

"He didn't mention them. So just stay with the Jews for the moment."

"I don't like it, H.R."

"What don't you like about it, Fred?"

"Someday I am going to head up the 'George Bush for President' campaign. How is it going to look on my resume if they find out that I was counting Jews for Nixon?"

"No one will ever find out. Look, I know this is not one of the greatest ideas the boss has ever come up with, but when he gets a burr up his backside, we have to obey orders."

"Why don't you do it, H.R.?"

"I'd love to, but I'm too busy tallying up student Quakers at Berkeley. I don't understand why this is such a big deal for you."

"Some people get angry when you dig into the ethnic background or the religious preference of government employees."

"We know all about them, and we're getting their names. Fred, the BLS is not a big department. You could go through their personnel list in one afternoon."

"How will I know if they are Jewish or not?"

"You'll be able to see from their names."

"A lot of Jewish people don't have Jewish names."

"But enough of them do to satisfy Nixon."

"You know, H.R., I am not anti-Semitic."

"Of course, you're not. That's why we are giving you the job. Do you think that the boss would ask somebody who didn't like Jews to do this?"

"What am I supposed to say if it leaks out?"

"You say that you were just following orders. A man who works in the White House does not question a directive from the President of the United States of America."

"Why can't you give the job to John Ehrlichman?"

"He's known for carrying out sleazy operations."



"The boss wants you to do it. He considers you the best ethnic head counter in the business."

"How do I know that if I count Jews, Nixon won't then ask me to add up Italians, French, Japanese-Americans and Knights of Malta?"

"I don't see that happening in the near future. Look, Fred, you know as well as I do that every once in a while the boss gets all exercised about something going wrong in the government. As far as the BLS is concerned, he honestly believes that they gave him the sword."

"OK, give me the printout of the BLS.... one Jew, two Jews, three Jews.... Hey, H.R., I think I'm getting the hang of it."

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Experts to discuss oil strategies for early '90s

LONDON, Oct 12, (KUNA): A number of leading oil ministers and experts from key oil-producing nations will address the ninth annual conference on "oil and money" to be opened here tomorrow.

The two-day gathering, sponsored by two leading American publications, the International Herald Tribune and the Oil Daily, will discuss the strategies for the early 1990s, especially with the prospect of a permanent peace in the Gulf.

Among the key issues affecting the oil market to be discussed at this year's conference are: will the price of the 1990s return to the level of late 1970s, and can the West rely on Middle East supplies, in the light of the recent developments in the region, and how will OPEC's role change in the next decade?

Speakers
The list of key speakers includes the UAE Oil Minister, Sheikh Mansur bin Zayed Al Nahyan, OPEC's Secretary General, Dr Subroto and the US Energy Secretary, John Herrington.

Furthermore, the delegates comprising senior executives in the petroleum industry will be addressed by more than 25 of the world's leading authorities from international energy, finance and government sectors.

Other issues to be looked at will include the ceasefire in the Gulf, efforts to secure a lasting solution between Iran and Iraq and their likely implications on the oil supplies to the West.

The speakers will also examine pricing and demand, downstream expansion and strategies for the oil majors in the next few years. Tomorrow's conference consists only a few days ahead of the convening of OPEC's joint strategy and pricing committee meeting in Madrid next week to tackle the problem of over-production and methods to achieve stability in the oil market.

Egyptian Islamic depositors seek presidential help

CAIRO, Oct 12, (Reuters): Angry depositors demonstrated outside President Hosni Mubarak's office today demanding the return of their savings from an Egyptian Islamic investment company.

About 200 demonstrators shouted slogans against Al Rayan Investment Company, but left peacefully after leaving a petition at Mubarak's office seeking help in recovering their funds.

More than 300 other demonstrators watched by riot police paraded at Al Rayan offices in the suburb of Giza. They also dispersed without trouble.

Depositors said they had been unable to withdraw funds since the government passed a law in June regulating half-a-dozen such firms estimated to control more than \$2 billion in deposits.

Basis
The companies operate on a risk-sharing basis in which depositors take a percentage of profits or losses. They do not pay fixed interest, banned by Islam.

The new law forced the companies to go public, issue investments to the public, and submit to strict scrutiny by state regulators.

IFC to assist in gas project

LAGOS, Nigeria, Oct 12, (AP): The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank subsidiary, will help finance a \$900 million effort to extract a gasoline-like product from Nigeria's southern delta.

Sir William Pyrie, the corporation's executive vice-president, made the announcement yesterday during talks with the military governor of Akwa Ibom, where the project being built by the American oil company Mobil will be located.

Sir William did not say how much the International Finance Corporation planned to invest in the project.

Project

The project will produce gas condensate, a substance heavier than gas and lighter than oil which can be used in place of gasoline.

Officials said the project could raise Nigeria's oil production levels by as much as 250,000 barrels daily which would fall outside production restrictions set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Condensate is not covered by OPEC's quota rule because it is not produced in the form of crude oil.

Despite weak world oil prices

Canada launches major energy buildup

OTTAWA, Oct 12, (Reuters): Despite weak world oil prices, Canada's petroleum industry is making multi-billion dollar plans to develop three high-risk energy projects.

But oil analysts say these decisions could be a recipe for trouble, adding the ambitious plans might have to be re-examined, perhaps just after a general election set for November 21.

This autumn some of the country's biggest companies, helped by some \$4.1 billion in aid from Ottawa, have announced three major projects:

— A group led by Mobil Oil Canada Ltd plans to invest \$6.6 billion to develop the long-mothballed 500 million-barrel Hibernia oil field off Newfoundland.

— A consortium led by Imperial Oil Ltd, part of the US-based

Exxon Group, will spend \$4.3 billion to develop the Oslo oil sands project in northern Alberta.

— Canada's Husky Oil Ltd, with the federal government as the only other willing investor, plans to spend \$990 million to build a plant on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border to upgrade heavy crude to higher quality grades.

Outlook

The projects have been discussed for some time as a way of offsetting an expected depletion of reserves from the conventional, onshore producing areas in western Canada.

Canada has huge crude pools in hard-to-get-at places. The Far North is estimated to contain a future bounty of more than seven billion barrels, while Alberta's oil sands are estimated to hold 32 billion barrels of recoverable

reserves. But the industry has been reluctant to develop the pools because of the continued uncertain market outlook.

Canada's progressive conservative government, in what critics called blatant electioneering, started the ball rolling by offering grants and loan guarantees to begin the projects.

On the campaign trail in early October, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said the federal cash infusions were probably the only way to get construction going.

"We accepted that it was difficult in the current price environment for the private sector alone to launch important new mega-projects," he told a business group in Calgary recently.

"We did (provide funding) without apology because we

believe the time to provide for Canada's long-term energy needs and security is now, not when a future emergency is upon us."

The only problem is that the new projects require oil prices well above \$20 a barrel by the mid-1990s when the new sources are scheduled to go into production.

Projects

World crude prices in early October dropped below \$12 a barrel and many forecasters are becoming increasingly bearish on the long-term outlook for the new Canadian projects.

The Canadian Energy Research Institute released a study recently week showing the industry could only realistically hope for oil at around \$22 a barrel by the year 2000.

In a blunt assessment, the think-tank, which has both public and private funding, said the outlook did not bode well for the new projects.

"The decision to pre-build production capacity on the expectation of higher prices in the future must be couched in the explicit understanding that project economics may not be realised when the time comes to initiate production."

Independent Calgary oil analyst Ian Doig said eventually the oil companies, despite the generous federal handouts, were going to be forced to reassess the projects, probably sometime after the November 21 election.

"The crunch is going to come and it's not beyond the realm of possibility that these projects will have to be put back on the back burner," Doig told Reuters.

Move to try to improve staff morale

US corporations stress ethics to aid competitiveness

CHICAGO, Oct 12, (Reuters): US big business, which has grappled for much of the 1980s with tightening competition and hostile takeover bids, is putting more emphasis on corporate ethics to try to improve staff morale and overall operations.

Central to this is a view that ethical conduct and profits are interlinked rather than incompatible, several top executives told a conference on corporate ethics here in early October.

A common theme was that even such wrenching tasks as coping with technological or environmental disasters, plant closures, sales of divisions and employee transfers or redundancies could be carried out with ethics in mind.

Hostile
Attention to ethics — right and wrong, moral duty and obligation — comes amid growing scepticism as hostile bids, corporate restructuring and the jailing of Wall Street wizards for market manipulation have arrived on the business landscape.

"Twenty years ago, the hero in

business was the socially responsible manager. But, by the 1980s, it was the brutally efficient manager," said Elmer Johnson, a Chicago attorney who recently quit his lucrative post as a General Motors executive vice-president to rejoin his old law firm.

Critics of this milieu, including some company executives, have long complained that US business schools have given too little attention to teaching ethics.

David Krueger, whose Chicago-based Centre for Ethics and Corporate Policy sponsored the conference, said the legal and medical professions have self-defined criteria for ethics, but "with business, the criterion is to go make money."

A gag book that appeared in bookstores last year titled "Wall Street Ethics" made a telling commentary when would-be buyers found its pages blank.

A 1986 Gallup opinion poll found the US public ranked corporate America near the bottom of society's major institutions. Only 28 per cent of those surveyed expressed a good

measure of confidence in big business, a ranking akin to results for such categories as organised labour and television.

By contrast, despite recent television evangelist scandals, the Gallup surveys found confidence — about three-fifths of the public — in categories listed as "churches and organised religion" and the "US military."

Unethical
Executives at the conference at a church just south of Chicago's financial district said a firm seen as unethical by employees, customers, suppliers, financiers and the public is courting long-term disaster.

They also argued that a stress on ethics in big business is part of a trend to recapture basic humane values that could build group loyalty. Success is crucial if US companies are to compete against Japanese and Western European rivals in an increasingly globalised economy.

"The biggest message from our work is that we recognise there is a problem and are trying to do something about it — and that it's hard," said Andrew

Sigler, chairman of Paper and Forest Products Company Champion International Corp.

Sigler said ethical issues range from whether, or how, to do business in South Africa to employees falsifying timecards, violation of environmental regulations or questionable "individual actions that wind up losing you business."

Many big US companies, he said in an interview, have found the "old authoritarian style of management doesn't work" and are trying, however slowly, to create new corporate cultures where employees feel management has greater appreciation for their contributions and individual worth.

"What we're trying to do is build up the individual, making him feel like he counts and therefore he participates and does better the things that he ought to do," Sigler said.

Some companies long ago drew up "mission statements" and codes of conduct, while others have done so only recently. But such codes are meaningless unless executives "breathe life

into these values... and put them into practice," Inland Steel Industries president Robert Darnall said.

Corporations exist to make a profit by serving their customers, he said. But even when the company must make painful decisions on plant closings and staff cuts, they should be carried out with tangible consideration for the impact of employees, families, communities and customers.

While several business leaders said the basis for ethical decision-making for US companies must come from Western society's traditional Judeo-Christian moral teachings, this was not a unanimous view.

John Hay Stookey, chairman of Quantum Chemical Corp. told the 75 participants from the business, religious and academic worlds that "there are no absolutes."

This will become more obvious, he said, as US business leaders find what he called their obvious fundamental truths are not necessarily shared by their counterparts abroad.

Obstacles block growth of pan-Islamic trade, says study

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Oct 12, (Reuters): Trade within the one billion-strong Islamic world is growing slowly, with geography and other obstacles blocking a faster pace of commerce, an Islamic group says.

Islamic countries still trade more with industrialised countries than they do among themselves, the Casablanca-based Islamic Centre for Trade Development says in its annual report.

The centre, affiliated to the 46-member Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO), said inter-Islamic trade in 1985 was worth \$20.4 billion, or 11.6 per cent of the Islamic countries' total of about \$175 billion.

Problems
"We are not happy with the situation," the centre's director general, Driss Alaoui Mdaghri, told reporters recently.

He cited geography as well as problems with transport, communications and customs regulations as hindrances to pan-

Islamic commerce

"Political will is needed to further promote trade among the Islamic countries," he said. "Studies and statements are not enough, unless these are translated into tangible steps."

Islamic countries produce a vast variety of commodities, but few possess the technological or industrial base to turn raw materials into finished products competitive with those of the industrialised world.

Products
Most export earnings are spent on imports of industrial and consumer goods or in paying foreign debts.

Nearly half the ICO members produce oil or natural gas. In other minerals, Gabon ranks second in the world as a producer of manganese and Niger fourth for uranium.

Guinea has two-thirds of the world's bauxite reserves and Malaysia and Indonesia are among the 10 main tin and rubber producers.

ICO members are also important producers of iron ore, timber, phosphates, rice, jute, coffee, cocoa, vanilla and cotton.

The report said more than half the trade between Islamic countries involved oil, natural gas and related products. Trade in manufactured products was limited to textiles, cement, fertilisers and steel products.

The Casablanca centre has established a trade information network and drafted a trade preferences agreement to serve the Islamic world and as a protection against growing protectionism by developed countries.

Since 1979, Islamic trade fairs have been held regularly to overcome handicaps to trade within the Islamic world.

"Even though actions which have been so far taken are important and commendable, they remain insufficient in view of the ambitions of the Islamic community and require furthermore a long period of maturation to be fruitful," the centre said.

UAE vows to cut oil output

NICOSIA, Oct 11, (Reuters): Libya's official JANA news agency said today the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had promised to cut oil production.

JANA, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said UAE President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan made the pledge in a telephone conversation with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

JANA quoted Sheikh Zaid as saying it was important other producers followed the UAE example. It did not say when the conversation took place.

Quota
Oil industry sources say the UAE has been producing 1.9 million barrels per day (BPD), compared with its OPEC quota of 948,000 BPD.

Oil prices swung wildly on world spot markets today reflecting uncertainty about what OPEC may do to deal with the present glut, traders said.

By the day's end in Europe, prices were generally unchanged to 20 cents a barrel above those prevailing late on Monday. North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was up

around 20 cents at \$12.35 a barrel.

It had traded as high as \$12.70 in the morning, continuing a Monday rebound from two-year lows below \$12 last week.

Reasons for Monday's gains were varied, but a statement by Saudi Arabia that it would stick to its OPEC output quota if other members did the same was the chief factor.

Having risen on Monday, prices continued to firm in Asia and in Europe today. But US markets viewed the gains overdone and so prices eased again, although traders' reluctance to go short of crude ahead of OPEC talks planned for next week helped put a floor under the market.

News that Iraq is against calling an emergency meeting of OPEC and wants first to look for a solution to the organisation's problems at next week's joint meeting of its pricing and long-term strategy committees had little impact.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi was asked by reporters if Iraq agreed with Libya's call for an emergency conference.

Saudi Arabia to offer GIB shares to public

RIYADH, Oct 12, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is to offer its citizens chance to buy six million shares (\$15.9 million) worth of shares the kingdom will soon receive in Bahrain's second largest offshore bank, Gulf International Bank (GIB).

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) announced the move after a weekly cabinet meeting on Monday night. It gave no further details. Officials from GIB also declined any immediate comment.

The Saudi sale referred to by SPA apparently involved the kingdom's share in the first tranche of a major capital increase announced by the bank last February.

GIB said it would double its share capital to \$1.06 billion and would issue a first tranche of \$11.4 million to subscribers by the end of the year.

The bank is owned equally by the governments of Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudi Arabia has launched four public share flotations worth a total of around one billion riyals during 1988, ending a four-year hiatus.

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Gulf drawing up plans for economic pact with EEC

ABU DHABI, Oct 12, (Reuters): Gulf Arab states are drawing up plans for an economic pact with the European Economic Community, a senior United Arab Emirates (UAE) official was quoted today as saying. Foreign Ministry undersecretary Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zaid Al Nahyan said the deal between the Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) would cover investment, petrochemicals, refined crude and the transfer of technology. He told the Jordanian newspaper Al Dustour, in an interview carried by the official emirates news agency WAM, that several preliminary meetings would be held with Community officials before detailed talks on the accord took place early next year. The European Economic Community and the GCC states — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the UAE — signed a trade agreement earlier this year, but have yet to agree on Gulf petrochemical exports. The GCC, which produces around five million tonnes of petrochemicals a year, wants the EEC to lift tariffs on them, but the Europeans argue such a move could flood their markets with cheap Gulf products.

Farmers should be masters of own land: Gorbachev

OSKOW, Oct 12, (Reuters): Soviet farmers may soon be able to lease land from the state under agricultural reforms aimed at boosting food production and making farmers again feel masters of the land, Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev said today. Moscow radio said Gorbachev had told a meeting of Politburo ministers and agricultural managers that new land-leasing arrangements were being drafted and the party was overhauling its long-term policy to revitalise Soviet agriculture. Gorbachev said the aim was "to return to the peasants their position as masters of the land," the radio reported. The Communist Party daily Pravda said in August that several forms of land-leases already existed at a fifth of the country's 50,000 collective and state farms. A "new wave" of lease signings was expected in the autumn. But last month the newspaper said some collective farms were resisting change with bureaucracy. Gorbachev complained that the growth of farm output had lagged far behind the amount invested in agriculture over the past 20 years. He said the changes in agriculture would stimulate the creative work of millions of people. Gorbachev has continued to insist publicly that the collectivisation of agriculture benefited the country. But Pravda hinted in August that a re-evaluation of collectivisation was under way, saying it had destroyed the most productive elements of Soviet farming and cost many lives.

Fertiliser production needs fresh investments

LAGOS, Oct 12, (OPECNA): Dr Olu Ogumye, a senior official at the Nigerian Ministry of Science and Technology, has said fresh investment will be required to make the country self-sufficient in fertilizer and paper, using water hyacinth. Ogumye, who until this year was chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on water hyacinth, said here in an interview that with proper planning Nigeria could turn into a net exporter of fertilisers. He said that studies conducted by the committee showed that the water weed which had been threatening marine life on Nigeria's western coast since the last four years, could be turned into a "blessing," if properly harnessed. He also disclosed that a request had been lodged with the Commonwealth Research Council (CRC) which is meeting in Nigeria next month for a \$175,000 grant for paper manufacturing, using water hyacinth as a raw material. Ogumye further said that livestock feeds were a possible by-product of water hyacinth. He noted that given the government's emphasis on agriculture and shortage of paper in the country, especially newspaper, the ventures identified by the inter-ministerial committee should be pursued to save large amounts of foreign exchange spent on imports. According to the official, the Nigerian initiative had aroused world interest on the need of combat and harness the water weed with help from international and UN agencies. He explained that Nigeria had spent about \$30 million on the control of the crippling weed-assisted water weed which first "invaded" the country in 1984. Ogumye predicted a fresh resurgence of the menace in December, but noted that Nigeria would be equal to the challenge. He, however, advised that efforts should be geared towards local fabrication of weed harvesters now that the cost per tonne of harvesting the weed had been drastically reduced with the elimination of manual labour.

Economy crippled by flood

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 12, (AP): The recent floods that ravaged Bangladesh have crippled its economy, cutting growth projections from 6 per cent to 2 per cent for 1988. Foreign Minister H.R. Chowdhury told the United Nations. In his speech to the 43rd General Assembly, he called for regional co-operation in flood control. "As we look toward approaches for a permanent solution the primary imperative will be in harnessing regional co-operation," Chowdhury said. Bangladesh's economy had been expected to grow 6 per cent in 1988, but he said, the effects of the flood have reduced projections to 2 per cent, in line with the flood-depressed growth rate of 2.5 per cent in 1987. He said the country still required stockpiles of food, medicine and building materials to help the disaster victims. In the long-term, Chowdhury said, the nation would require changes in its farming practices and eliminate dependence on the monsoon crop. Managing the water resources of the region requires co-operation from India and Nepal, he said. "Recurring floods in India and the devastation of earthquakes and landslides in Nepal compound the impact of these disasters on Bangladesh as rampaging waters and billions of tons of silt are carried down by the rivers that criss-cross our country," said Chowdhury. "In the dry season, scarce water resources needed by hundreds of millions of people along the Gangetic plain are squeezed to a trickle by the time they reach Bangladesh, exacerbating the consequences of drought and raising the annual spectre of famine," he said.

Manila seeks new IMF aid

MANILA, Oct 12, (Reuters): The Philippines is expected to ask the International Monetary Fund for \$900 million in new financing next month but faces tough IMF demands for long-term structural reforms, officials and bankers said today. While the indebted country failed to meet all conditions tied to an IMF package agreed to in 1986 and concluded last August, fund officials and bankers say President Corason Aquino's government has achieved impressive economic reforms. The Philippines is expected to request a three-year package called an extended financing facility when an IMF team arrives from Washington in early November, a Manila official who requested anonymity told Reuters. Officials said the IMF wants Manila to boost tax revenue, invest more in public infrastructure and strengthen international reserves. The fund also seeks more exchange rate flexibility, a lower fiscal deficit and a continuation of government programmes to liberalise imports and privatise state-owned corporations. The expected new IMF conditions are meant to reduce government bureaucracy, free funding bottlenecks and generally make the economy more efficient. "You're talking about changing a culture," one banker said. Government negotiators asked commercial creditors for \$1.7 billion in new loans in talks last week in New York but the banks' 12-member advisory committee said it wanted Manila first to clinch a new IMF deal, a foreign banker close to the talks said. It was the first time Manila sought new commercial loans since banks lent it \$925 million in 1985. Commercial banks held 15 billion of the Philippines' total \$28.95-billion debt at the end of April. The banker said lenders felt Manila had made "breath-taking reforms" since Aquino came to power in 1986, including ending agricultural monopolies, setting up a new Value-Added Tax system and liberalising imports.

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Oil prices dip

Dollar tumbles and gold rebounds strongly

LONDON, Oct 12, (Reuters): The dollar fell sharply against West German mark and Japan's yen in Europe today after a bout of selling in Tokyo started its skidding, dealers said.

Gold rebounded strongly in late afternoon in response to the dollar's weakness. Oil prices, which had rallied on Monday and Tuesday despite a world glut, weakened slightly.

Most European and Asian bourses were mixed to lower as share dealers kept their options open ahead of US trade figures for August which are due on Thursday (1230 GMT).

A bad set of trade numbers for that month issued on October 14 last year depressed the dollar and helped to set off the crash of 87 five days later in which 22.6 per cent of New York share values evaporated on Black Monday.

Wall Street tracked the dollar lower today and at noon New York time the Dow Jones industrial average was 25.96 points down at 2,130.51.

A summer dollar rally had caused concern that US exports were becoming less competitive and that this in turn could hinder efforts to reduce the country's huge trade deficit.

America's burgeoning trade and budget deficits have been

largely to blame for the currency's weakness since late 1985. Dealers said the dollar's current slide partly reflected a view that the August trade deficit would be wider than forecasts of about \$11 to 12 billion and well above a deficit of \$9.53 billion in July.

"Even if the US trade shortfall is less than current expectations... and nearly the same as July's \$9.5 billion deficit, the dollar could be sold," said Kikuo Inoue, manager at Bank of Tokyo's foreign exchange division in London.

The dollar closed in London just above its day's lows at 1.8340 West German marks and 128.85 Japanese yen — its first finish below 130 yen since June 23. That compared with 1.8525 marks and 131.05 yen on Tuesday.

Resistance
New York decided to try to crack resistance at 1.8380 marks, said one currency dealer in Frankfurt. "They managed that and now there's room for the dollar to fall to 1.81."

Gold was fixed in London this afternoon \$406.40 an ounce, little changed from its previous close of \$406.25. But it recovered in late trading and at 1600 GMT it was being quoted at just over \$411.

Traders predicted the metal, which dipped below \$400 in the last week of September and first week of October, would meet resistance at \$412.50 an ounce.

Oil prices dipped slightly after OPEC announced the venue and date — Madrid on October 20 — of a previously planned joint meeting of its pricing and long-term strategy committees.

British North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude oil spot market, was quoted late this afternoon at \$12.42 a barrel for December loading against 12.52 on Tuesday.

In London, shares were trading close to the session's lows in late afternoon business, largely responding to a sharp sell-off on Wall Street following a drop in the dollar today, dealers said.

Buyers are absent from the market ahead of August US merchandise trade data due on Thursday and September UK retail prices index and average earnings information on Friday.

"The market is bracing itself for some painful US trade gap news and signs of higher UK inflation," one dealer said, commenting on today's sombre sentiment.

Dealers said apprehension about this week's economic data was reflected in today's relatively low volume.

The continued strength of the pound today again depressed the leading international services become more expensive to overseas consumers, dealers said.

Grand Met was among the few leading shares to resist the general trend and held steady at yesterday's close of 446.

Steady
Allied Lyons shares were steady initially after it said it plans a share swap with Suntory of Japan, together with a joint venture to sell each other's drinks brands.

Allied said Japan is one of the world's largest markets for spirit and demand for imported brands is expected to increase when liquor laws are reformed next year.

The share swap will place 2.5 per cent of Allied's enlarged share capital in Suntory's hands. This, together with the joint venture is seen by analysts as improving Allied's defences against a bid. Bid talk has been prominent since news Bond Corp increased its stake to 11.08 per cent from seven per cent late last month.

Lorhio again topped the active list, rising a net 7p to 342 on turnover of 24.4 million shares.

Dealers reported speculation

that Australia's Bond Corp is building a stake in Lorhio with a possible view to acting as a White Knight against US corporate raider Asher Edelman, who has 4.74 per cent of Lorhio. Recent rumours said Bond Corp has a stake of around two per cent in Lorhio.

Oil explorer Carless eased 4p to 108 and was second in the active list with a turnover of 12.1 million shares. Carless' £90 million offer for Ryan International was cleared today by Britain's Department of Trade and Industry.

Racal was down 7p to 311 after it announced this morning that shares in its Racal Telecommunications Group (RTG) would be sold at 170p each, the mid-point of Racal's earlier forecast. Dealers said there was some disappointment with the news, as many had been expecting a price nearer 175p.

British Gas was down a penny at 171, having held steady for most of the session after news it paid £194.5 million for some oil and gas interests owned by Tenneco of the US the package contains estimated proven and probable reserves of 47 million barrels of oil equivalent, of which 30 per cent is gas. British Gas said it was attracted by the exploration acreage in the package.

EEC and developing nations open new trade pact talks

LUXEMBOURG, Oct 12, (AP): The European Economic Community (EEC) and 66 developing nations open negotiations today on a renewal of a multi-billion dollar aid and trade accord due to take effect in 1990.

The negotiations are expected to last at least a year, officials said on the eve of the talks. They open against the backdrop of the EEC's plan to forge a single, borderless market within the EEC by 1992.

At issue is the five-year renewal of an accord under which the EEC grants the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) nations duty and quota-free access for virtually all their industrial and farm goods, soft loans for development projects and financial guarantees against drops in commodity export prices.

Accord
The first such five-year accord was signed in Lome, the capital of Togo, in 1975 and the second so-called Lome convention was concluded in 1980.

The third, signed in 1984 and worth 8.5 billion European Currency Units (\$9.5 billion) expires at the end of February

1990. The aid comes from the EEC's development fund and is separate from the food aid the EEC grants annually to the developing nations.

The price tag on the fourth accord is open to negotiation but will doubtless exceed that of the current treaty.

The EEC plan for a borderless market has fuelled concern within the ACP nations that the EEC will become less sensitive to the need to support imports from their nations.

Policies

For its part, the EEC will likely insist that ACP nations implement sound economic policies as outlined by the International Monetary Fund.

The EEC has had special trade links with developing nations for 25 years. But this has not significantly raised the wealth of the recipient nations and today, not one ACP nation figures on the list of newly industrialised nations.

The 12 EEC member states, which were not able to agree on precise offers to make to their ACP associates, adopted a vague

position which allows to open the talks but postpones the problems.

The EEC countries disagree on the future status of the states, the system which guarantees the ACP states part of their farm export earnings. Some want it linked to stricter economic policies but others object. Another question is whether the funds will be reimbursed or not.

Problem
Another problem is the further trade liberalisation the EEC is ready to grant the ACPs. Spain and Italy fear the increased competition of tropical products for their own Mediterranean production.

But the biggest obstacle seems to be the shape of the future aid the EEC is willing to give. Should it be long-term development funds or emergency assistance, enabling the associates to overcome their debt problems and start some kind of economic revival?

Finally, the question of human rights is likely to rise again. The EEC wants it mentioned in the new convention while the ACP states consider it as interference in their internal affairs.

Arab investors ponder UK rebuff for Kuwait money

DUBAI, Oct 12, (Reuters): Gulf Arab investors could be excused for thinking the City of London's many "no parking" signs refer not to their cars but to their money.

The doldrums affecting world financial markets made it necessary for Gulf investors to become aggressive in deploying their oil dollars, but the British decision to force Kuwait to cut its large stake in British Petroleum (BP) by more than half had sent them a signal to be more discreet, said one Arab economist.

Even at a low \$10 per barrel, Gulf states are making almost \$100 million a day from oil sales.

Funds
"Where will all those funds go if they are withdrawn from the West?" asked Sultan Al Suwaidi, head of Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank.

The major Gulf oil producers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman and Qatar have two main options.

They can buy into refining and marketing ventures which add value to their crude by processing it for sale to Western industry and consumers.

They can also try to squeeze greater returns out of their stock and bond portfolios, the analysts said.

The BP affair coupled with last October's world-wide stock market crash has raised difficulties for both strategies.

Buying into European, Japanese or US companies — as Kuwait did with BP — is the cheapest way to achieve value added returns.

But Arab investors must now be more aware of the dangers involved in building a big stake in business identified with Western national security interests, the analysts said.

Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC), negotiating at least 10 oil-related ventures overseas, is a case in point.

This week, IPIC chief Guan Salim said the company would continue to look for such ventures but added:

"We should avoid convulsions, especially if the Gulf states want their investments in Britain or other states to be free of direct interference."

Gulf states, as powerful members of the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries, have interests which could conflict with those of Western oil consumers, the analysts said.

UAE Central Bank chief Abdul Malik Al Hamar's suggestion that Gulf states take up the KIO stake in BP could cause problems in this respect, they added.

"I think the British decision was unfair but I can see why they were worried," said one European bank analyst.

Other nations like Japan have either made it clear to Arab investors when to stop, or have felt comfortable with Arab investments, analysts said.

States
In West Germany alone, KIO has major stakes in top firms Hoechst, Daimler-Benz and Metallgesellschaft.

Gulf states are also discussing how best to attract capital to fund their own industrial development.

The local press, enraged by Britain's move against KIO, has called for Arab investments to be repatriated. But "Arab markets are too small and there are many investment restrictions," Suwaidi commented.

BCCI plays unique role in Third World trade expansion

DURING the past 48 hours Bank of Credit and Commerce International has received enquiries from US government agencies and their counterparts in the UK and France into customer accounts held within BCCI. BCCI has complied with all requests and will continue to do so.

One bank officer has been charged from the London branch under section 24 of the drugs trafficking act 1986. Two officers from the Paris branch have been detained together with three Miami based officers by local authorities.

Allegations have been made of a very serious nature. BCCI has not yet seen the actual allegations which are being made and cannot yet respond to any specific charges.

The bank is wholly unaware of any violation that allegedly has been committed. It would seem, however, that the concerted action by authorities in three countries is part of an international investigation which involves many individuals and institutions. BCCI finds itself involved in a malicious campaign against itself which will have to be unravelled in the courts.

The bank wishes to state categorically that at no time whatsoever has it knowingly been involved in drug traffic related money laundering.

The charge already referred to and any further charges relate to individuals who, to the best of the bank's knowledge, are innocent victims of circumstances.

The management of the bank wishes to state most forcibly that it will do everything in its power to assist the concerned authorities in resolving these serious allegations.

Certain articles have appeared suggesting that 85 people have been detained. To date, only 6 of these are from the BCCI organisation.

BCCI is a \$20 billion institution, operating in 73 countries. It is well known for its concentration of trade related activities. The bank plays an important part in developing Third World trade and has been concerned with Third World issues.

BCCI has a strong belief in the legal processes of the United States of America and is confident of a satisfactory outcome.

Plan to step up oil exploration

BOGOTA, Oct 12, (Reuters): Colombia and Ecuador have agreed to step up oil exploration in promising fields along their border. Colombian Mines and Energy Minister Oscar Mejia said yesterday.

The countries decided to drill two more wells — Frontera-2 and Quilacanga-2 — after talks in Bogota between Colombian officials and Ecuador's Energy Minister, Diego Tamariz.

Frontera-1, on Ecuador's side, gave an initial flow of 11,000 barrels per day (BPD) and Quilacanga-1, on the Colombian side, also proved positive. Colombian officials have said the field was thought to hold at least five billion barrels.

The drilling of two more wells will allow experts to gauge the full size of the oilfield straddling the border.

Authorities vow to find suspected members of drug money ring

TAMPA, Florida, Oct 12, (Agencies): The Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which has been accused of participating in an international drug money-laundering scheme, has 14,000 employees in 400 offices in 72 countries.

BCCI holdings, which reports assets of \$20.6 billion, and two subsidiaries were among the 85 defendants named in federal indictments unsealed yesterday.

"We've got law-enforcement agencies in several countries cooperating with us and we won't give up until we have every one of these people under arrest," US Customs Service spokesman Michael Sheehan said.

Funds
The US branches of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, a Luxembourg-based institution named in money-laundering indictments unsealed here on Tuesday, were allowed to return to normal business after the bank paid \$14 million into a court-supervised escrow account

to cover possible fines.

A US judge in Tampa had imposed a restraining order preventing the bank from removing its funds and other assets from the United States, but he lifted the restriction late on Tuesday when the bank deposited money in the special account. The bank is the first financial institution to face US money-laundering charges.

Law enforcement officials in a half-dozen US cities, London and Paris continued efforts to round up suspected ring members still at large.

Along with the bank, 81 individuals were charged with taking part in an operation that laundered more than \$32 million in drug proceeds for the kingpins of Colombia's Medellin cartel, reputed to be the world's biggest cocaine smuggling organisation.

At least 40 defendants, including eight of the bank's top managers, were in custody today, and US authorities said more arrests were expected in US and

European cities.

The indictments stemmed from a two-year undercover investigation spearheaded by US customs agents and involving top drug enforcement officials from Britain and France.

The bank and the individual defendants are accused of conspiring with big-time cocaine traffickers to disguise the flow of drug proceeds by shuffling it through the international financial system.

Laundering
In a statement issued in London, the bank said it "wishes to state categorically that at no time whatsoever has it knowingly been involved in drug traffic-related money laundering."

The bank operates branches in 72 countries and was described by prosecutors as the seventh largest privately held financial institution in the world.

If convicted on all charges, the bank — which was founded in 1972 by a Middle Eastern consortium — faces fines of up to \$40 million, prosecutors said.

UAE-Indian firm to set up acid plant in Dubai

ABU DHABI, Oct 12, (Reuters): A joint venture company based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will build an \$80 million acid plant in Dubai's Jebel Ali free trade zone, an Indian embassy spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the newly formed Emirates Narmada Industries (ENI) would sign the agreement for the plant with zone authorities later today.

He said the Indian government would buy the plant's output of 500 tonnes per day of phosphoric acid and 1,400 tonnes per day of sulphuric acid under the terms of a ten-year deal.

The plant — due to open in 1991 — will import about one million tonnes of phosphoric rocks a year from Jordan and Morocco.

ENI is jointly owned by Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Company, a major Indian fertilizers manufacturer, and the UAE-based Mozak International Incorporated.

Private sector plays key role

IFC sets records in investments, says study

NEW YORK, Oct 12, In fiscal 1988, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) approved a record 95 investments totaling nearly \$1.3 billion, an increase of 38 per cent over the previous year, according to the corporation's 1988 annual report, released recently.

Total projects costs for FY88 investments exceeded \$5 billion. "For the second year in a row, IFC's net income — \$100.6 million — doubled over the previous year," stated IFC executive vice president, Sir William Rytie.

IFC, an affiliate of the World Bank, is the largest source of direct project financing for private investment in developing countries.

Climate
Citing a worldwide investment climate in which "a historic change has taken place... in most developing countries" as governments have come to rely more on private enterprises as an "engine of growth," the IFC report concludes that while 1988 continued to be difficult for many countries, "this new environment offers good prospects for

accelerated and sustainable growth" in developing countries. In announcing the FY88 results, Sir William Rytie referred to the diversification of IFC's services as an important factor in the corporation's expansion.

Initiatives in FY88 included:

- efforts to support small- and medium-sized businesses, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa;
- the opening of new offices in Tokyo, Casablanca, and Lima;
- financial restructuring of major industrial groups to reduce corporate debt in Mexico;
- new efforts to link developing countries more closely with world capital markets.

Development
Capital markets development was again a highlight in FY88. Funds for converting debt into equity were approved for Brazil and launched in Chile and the Philippines. New country funds to stimulate portfolio investments were launched for Thailand and Brazil.

And the Emerging Markets

Investment Fund was established specifically to attract Japanese investors to developing countries' stock markets. The \$60 million fund will work closely with local investment partners in each country for ventures in the range of \$100,000 to \$750,000.

The total dollar amount of IFC's investment approvals increased in every area of the world, with sub-Saharan Africa showing an increase of 73 per cent over the previous year.

Investments were approved in 40 countries in a wide range of business sectors.

OFIC's total loan and equity investment approvals of almost \$1.3 billion, \$1.04 billion was for IFC's own account and \$231 million for the account of other investors. Loans represented 83 per cent of this total, and equity investments 17 per cent.

The number of companies in which IFC had investments rose from 404 to 449, located in 78 developing countries. IFC now holds \$3.3 billion of investments in its portfolio, up from \$2.8 billion in FY87.

IFC disbursements in FY88

increased by 25 per cent and amounted to \$2.3 billion, for 172 projects in a broad range of sectors in 56 countries.

The disbursed loan portfolio grew by 21 per cent to \$1.9 billion, and the disbursed equity portfolio grew by 26 per cent to \$414 million.

New investment commitments jumped 98 per cent from \$742 million in FY87 to \$1.1 billion in FY88.

Net income for the year reached an all-time high of \$100.6 million, nearly double the 1987 figure of \$53.8 million and almost four times the \$25.4 million total in FY88.

This result reflected the growth and diversification of IFC's business, including increased interest receipts, a strong performance of its

equity portfolio, a greater income from fees, and tightly controlled administrative expenses.

IFC also realized the second highest capital gains in its history, \$32.9 million from sales of mature equity investments in 21 companies.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 12, (Reuters): The share market closed barely steady as bargain-hunters sought selected resource and industrial stocks in generally lacklustre trading. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.2 points up at 1,543.7.

TOKYO: Shares closed down but off their lows after holding to the minus side all day. One broker said the market was falling for internal reasons.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed lower after three consecutive increases and trading fell as investors consolidated positions. The Hang Seng index closed 19.75 points down at 2,551.86.

SINGAPORE: Shares closed moderately lower across the board on lack of follow-through buying support and widespread profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 14.36 points to 1,004.18.

BOMBAY: Prices dropped for the second day in a row on continued speculative selling after rising sharply in the past two weeks. They said end-of-account considerations undermined sentiment.

PARIS: Shares were easy but off morning lows in quiet trading, with many operators sidelined ahead of Thursday's US August trade data. The 50-share indicator posted a 0.40 per cent decline.

ZURICH: Shares closed slightly lower in moderate trading on the lower dollar. The negative trend on Wall Street and in Tokyo also dampened market sentiment.

NEW YORK: Stocks were broadly lower but blue chips were above lows. The Dow was off 19 at 2,137 after being down several points more at the opening.



Canada's new ambassador to Kuwait, H.E. Lawrence Dickenson (left), visited the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) yesterday. OAPEC's Acting Secretary-General Abdelaziz Alhassani, welcomed the ambassador and discussed OAPEC's activities related to oil and energy and various aspects of Canada's energy industry. Alhassani also explained OAPEC's role in the World Energy Conference, which is due to hold its 14th congress in Montreal in September.



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- Boats must be at least 18 ft. in length.
- Engines must be outboard. If a single engine is used, an additional 10hp engine is advised. Two engines are maximum permissible.
- Crew must have a minimum of two members. All crew must be at least 18 years of age.
- The boat must be registered with the port authority of Kuwait, or if the boat is from outside Kuwait, with the authority of its port of origin.

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All participants must have the following equipment:

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- A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment prohibited).
- Suitable anchor and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must have sufficient fuel to cover the race.
- Battery or fuel tank leakages must be repaired and checked before the race.
- Each boat must be equipped with a telephone or two-way radio.

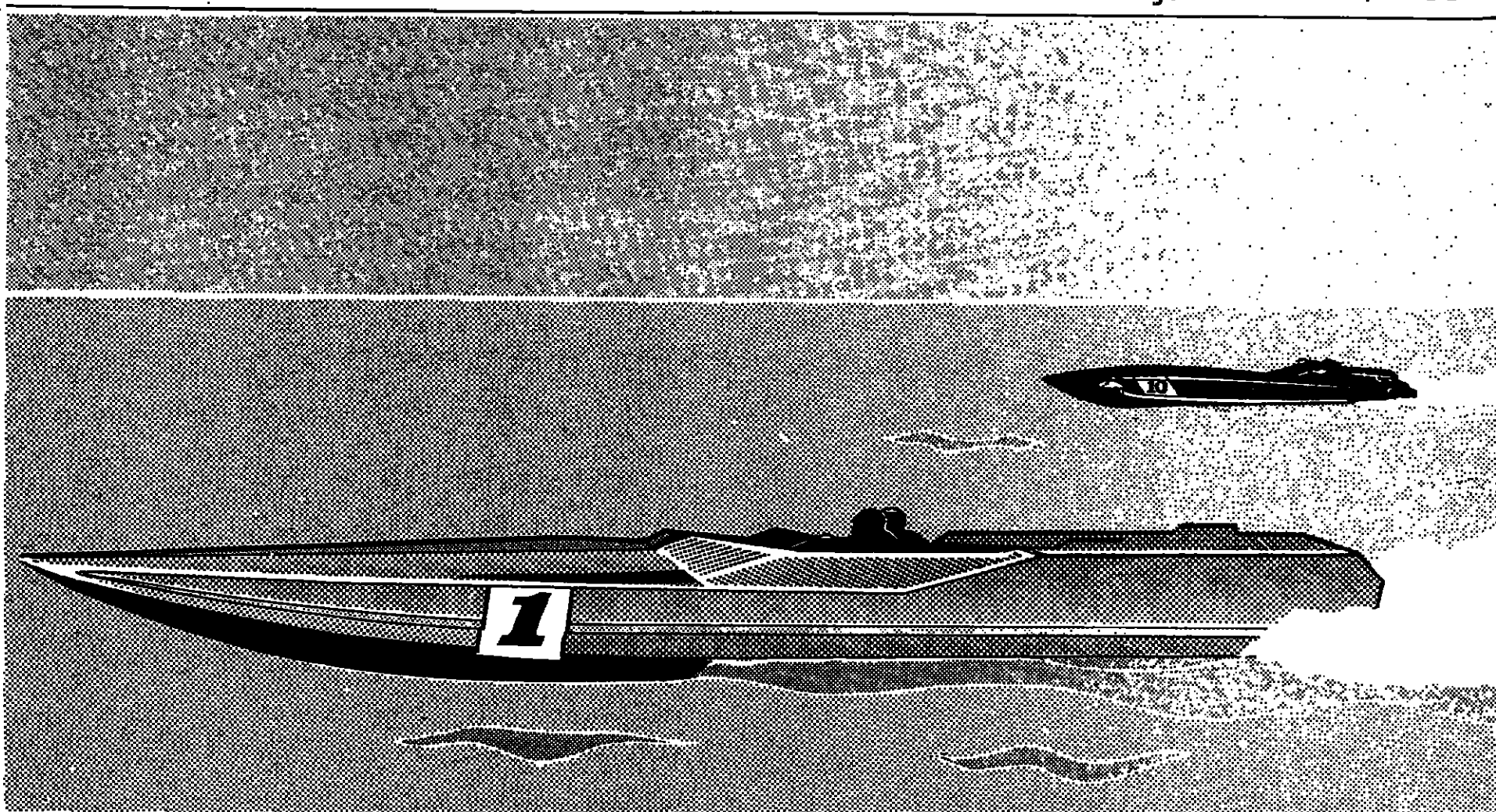
Failure to comply with the above may result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be prior to the race and safety equipment must be displayed on deck.

If needed, further bulletins will be issued.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is October 25, 1988.

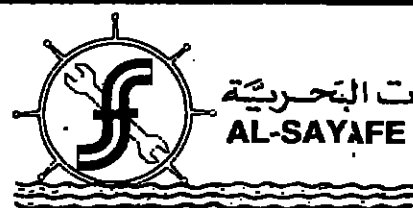
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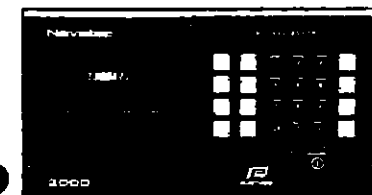
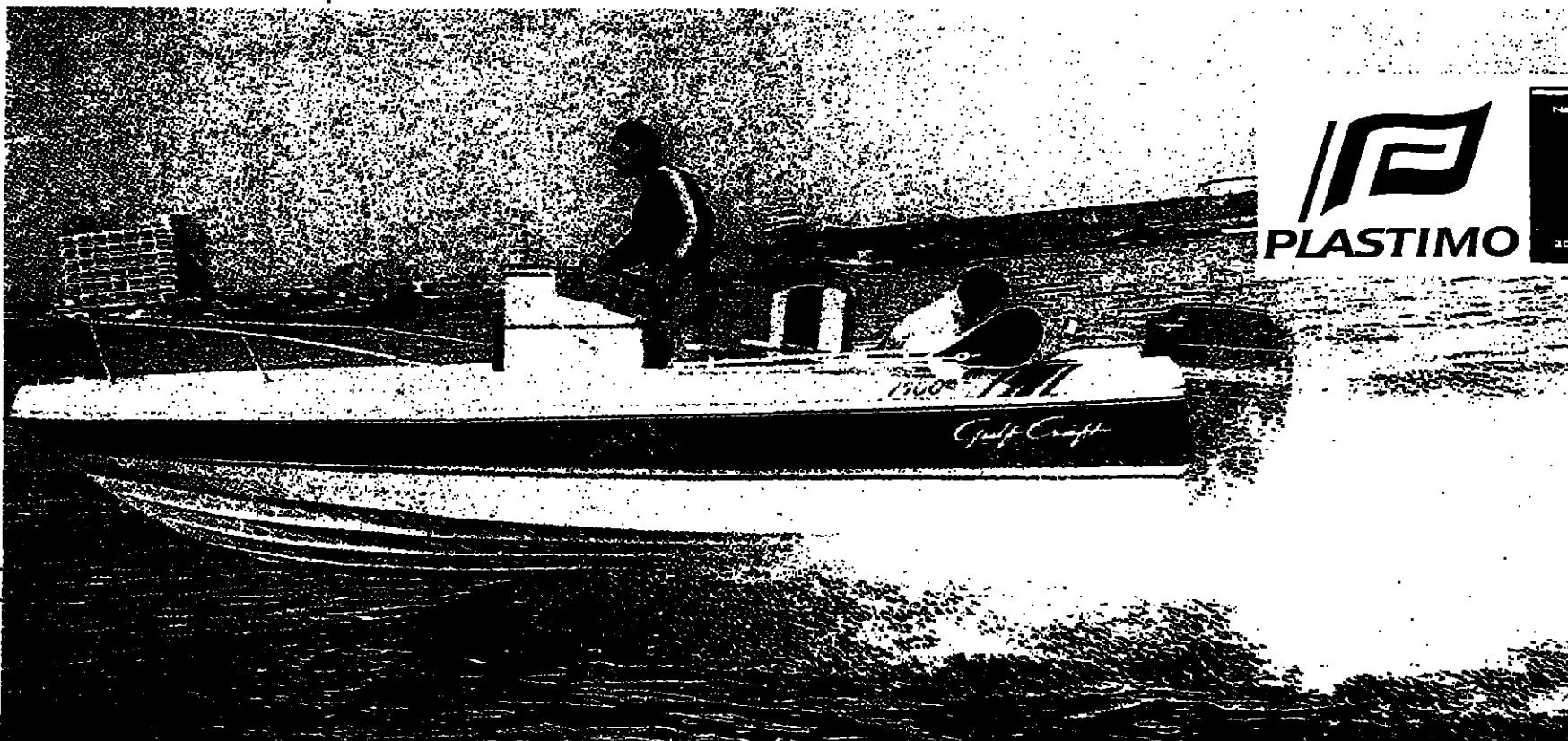


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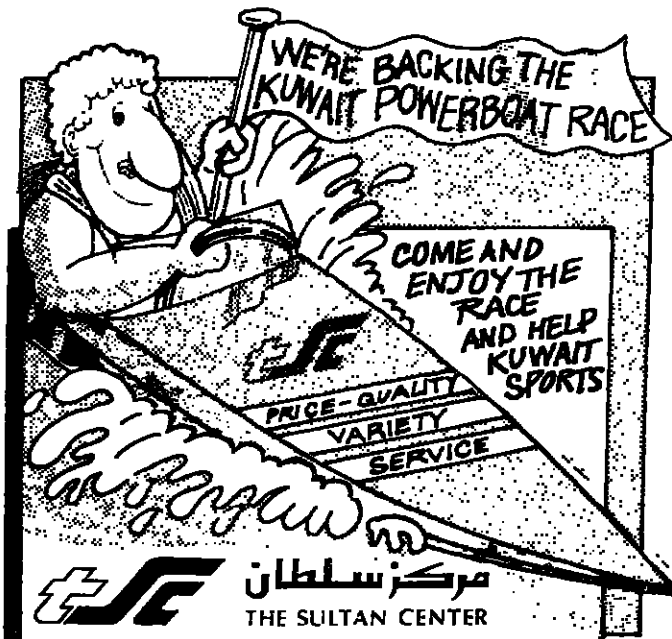
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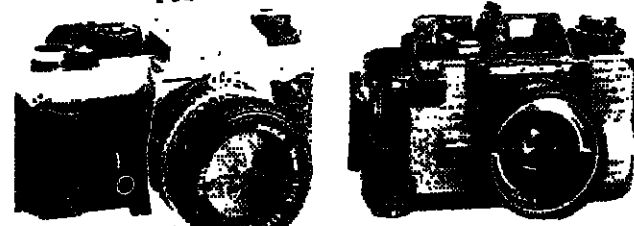
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Dear Junior Readers,

One thing I have not yet nagged you about is looking after your teeth, so that is going to be today's subject!

Many years ago, before the days of toothbrushes, paste and modern dental equipment, caring for teeth was a problem. Going to the dentist (if you could find one) was even worse and it was not surprising that people were terrified! Nowadays, there is very little excuse for having bad teeth — it is just a question of how you look after them. How many of you feel you cannot be bothered at night? How many of you are in too much of a hurry in the morning? You are making a big mistake if you think it does not matter. It is true that lost teeth can be replaced, but it is often very expensive to do that and they are never really as good as your own. Try to get into the habit of brushing your teeth at least twice a day. When you brush, do it well — you need to spend a couple of minutes at it. Many people think they already do that, but take a clock into the bathroom next time and you will be surprised to see that your normal brushing time is perhaps only about thirty seconds! Once you have a routine, you will really notice if you miss a brushing.

Finally, go to the dentist for a check-up every six months and remember that there is nothing to be afraid of! The dentist has some very clever tools and machines and can actually save you trouble by stopping small problems from getting bigger.

Auntie Joanne

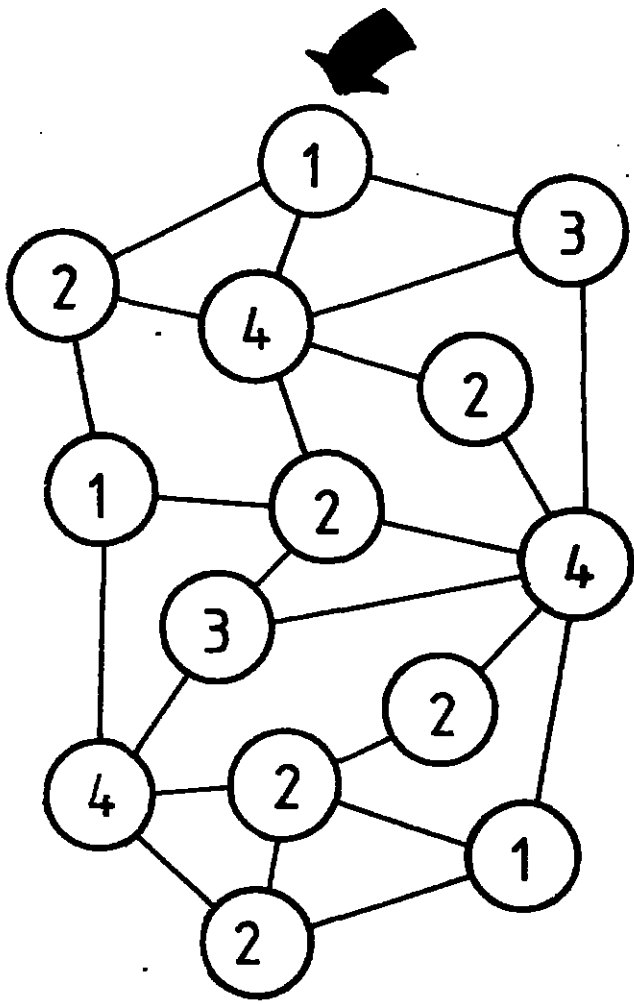
Happy Birthday



Jyoti Opal (above, left) and Raju Nihalani celebrate their birthdays this week. Love and many, many happy returns to you both from Jing Bang and parents.

Solution to Tuesday's crossword:
Across: 1 Undercoat; 7 Era; 8 Cleanse; 9 Too; 10 Enlarger; 14 Suppress;
17 Hat; 19 Frigate; 21 In; 22 Extreated
Down: 1 Uncle; 2 Dwell; 3 Ram; 4 Obese; 5 Test; 6 Canoe; 11 Gap; 12 Repeat; 13 Chair; 15 Unfit; 16 Steed; 18 Tone; 20 Ice.

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By Sheena Ronsey

AS Timothy walked up the road from the beach, the mist rolled in behind him, and soon he could not see the houses he was passing. He found a gate which looked like Aunt Mary's gate, but as soon as he went into the house behind it, he knew he had come to the wrong one. He tried to go out again, but the door would not open. It had opened easily when he came in, so Timothy pulled harder, but it was no use. He began to think there was something queer about that door.

Suddenly Timothy sat down on the floor with a bump. The house was rocking. Timothy could hardly believe it. He stood up very carefully and tried to walk across the room. There was no doubt about it, that house was rocking gently in a way no ordinary well-behaved house ought to do. Then Timothy heard footsteps from inside the house, and bravely he turned to face the door as it opened.

An old man came in, and Timothy was so surprised that he forgot to be frightened. He had never seen a wizard before, but he was quite sure that this man could not be anything else.

"Good afternoon, young man," said the wizard, when he had got over his own surprise at finding a strange boy in his kitchen. "How did you appear?"

"I was going to Aunt Mary's house," said Timothy. "But I went through the wrong gate in the mist and came here by mistake. I'm very sorry. I can't open the door to go out again."

The flying house

"Of course not," said the wizard.

"It's dangerous to open outside doors when the house is flying. You must have come in just before I made the locking spell."

"I'm sorry," said Timothy again. He was not sure whether the wizard was really cross, even though he was frowning.

"Quite right," said the wizard. "Sorry is what you should be, but it doesn't help much at the moment." Then he smiled. "How about chocolate cake and orange juice while we wait?"

Timothy decided that he liked the wizard, and the cake was nearly as good as the ones Aunt Mary made. It did not seem a long time before they felt a bump as the house landed. Timothy ran to the window.

"Where are we?" he asked.

Timothy stared in dismay at mile after mile of hills, with not a single house in sight.

"What a lovely view," said the wizard.

"But how am I going to get home from here?" cried Timothy.

"Well, Um... that has been worrying me for some time," said the wizard. "You see, I retired years ago, and sold all my magic books. The only spells I remember are the ones I need for moving my house. I do not know where we are now, and I have no idea how you are going to get home."

Timothy looked at the wizard. He could not bear

to think that he might never get home. The wizard seemed upset about it too. He said he would go and turn out his cupboards, in case there was a spell hidden away which might be useful. He was gone a long time, and Timothy looked around for something to do. When the wizard came back, there were puddles of water on the floor and a lot of soap suds in the sink, but the dishes were clean and none of them broken.

"Splendid," said the wizard.

"I hate washing-up after chocolate cake. I think you've earned this little present."

Timothy looked at the thing the wizard gave him. It was round and flat with a hollow in the middle.

"It's called a journey stone," said the wizard. "Hold it in your hand and blow on it." Timothy blew, and a light came on the hollow. "That light means the stone is ready to take you somewhere. So you say the magic word, say where you want to go, and next minute you're there."

"Thank you," said Timothy. "What's the magic word?"

"Well, Um... I can't remember," said the wizard. "It is something like cheese, or peas. The trouble is that if you say a word which is like the magic word but not quite right, the stone will take you somewhere like the place you want to go to but not quite right, which is really the same as a wrong

place."

"Then I'll try again," said Timothy, "and keep on trying till I get the right one."

"You could if the stone was new," said the wizard, "but this one is old. It has only three journeys left, and after that it will be no use at all. But I think you could try several words together. If the right one is there it should be more powerful than the others."

"Cheese, peas and trees," said Timothy. "I want to go to Aunt Mary's house by the sea."

Next minute he landed with a bump and a splash in the waves at the edge of a beach, but it was not the beach near Aunt Mary's house. There were sand dunes where the road ought to be. Timothy climbed the dunes and looked over the other side, but there were no houses, and he could not see any people who might tell him where he was. So he sat down and tried to think of more words rhyming with cheese.

"Knees, bees, keys," he said, "and peas, at Aunt Mary's house with a white gate and a garden."

Suddenly Timothy found himself beside a table full of lovely food. It looked so nice that he could not take his eyes off it.

"What are you doing in here?" said a woman's voice.

Timothy jumped. She sounded very cross.

"I'm looking for Aunt Mary," he said.



"I may be called Mary," she said, "and I may be an aunt. But I don't have dirty little nephews like you."

She picked up a poker and chased Timothy out of the house, into the garden and through the white gate to the street.

"I'm glad I'm not her nephew," said Timothy, "but now there is only one journey left." He thought hard for a while, but he could only think of one more word. He blew on the stone and said, "Please, oh PLEASE, take me to my own Aunt Mary's house."

"There you are at last, Tim," said Aunt Mary. "I was afraid you had got lost in the mist."

"I did," said Timothy, "but I found myself again." He was so glad to be back. He did not mind his own Aunt Mary telling him he was dirty and must wash before he could have tea.

Timothy finished his bread and butter, and looked hopefully at his favourite chocolate cake.

"What's the magic word, Tim?" asked Aunt Mary.

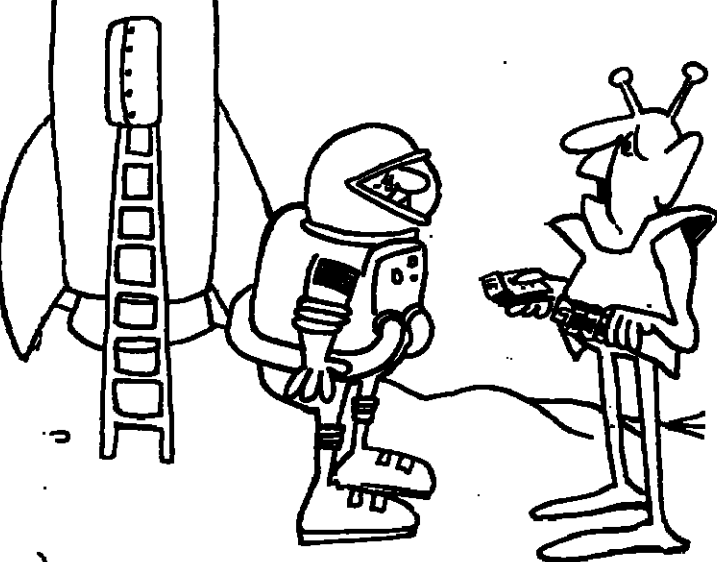
Timothy stopped looking at the cake and stared at his aunt. How did she know? He was saving his story for later.

"Please," said Timothy. Aunt Mary cut him an extra large slice.

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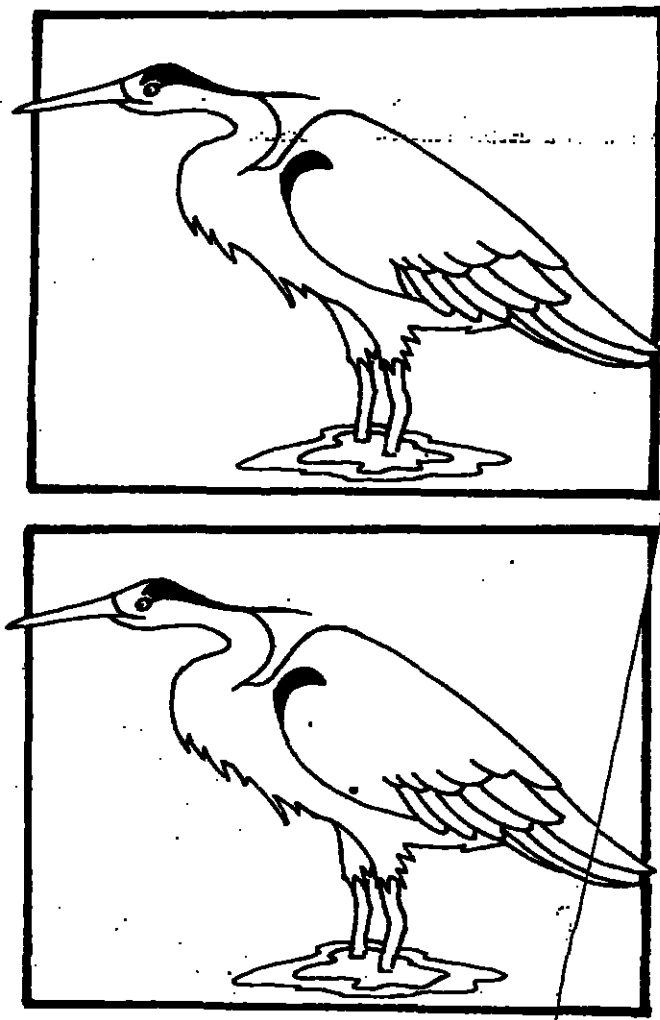
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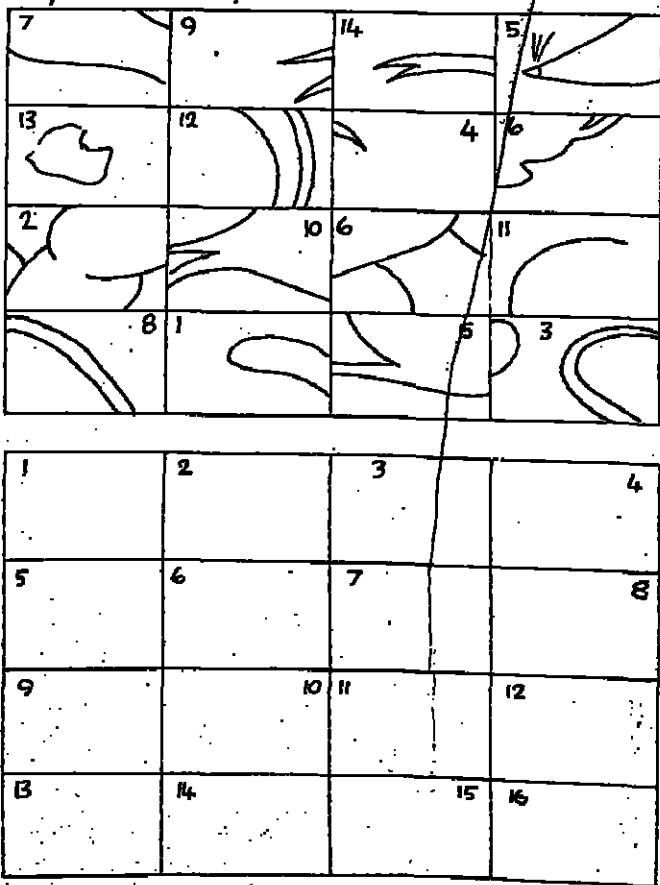
Before you perform this trick, dip one end of a drinking straw into water and then into sugar. Push the other end of the straw into a bar of soap. Wipe off any soap and sugar from the outside of the straw, so that nobody knows what you have done. Now put two used matchsticks into a glass of water. If you put the soap end of the straw into the water, the matches will move apart. If you put the sugary end in, the matches will come together.

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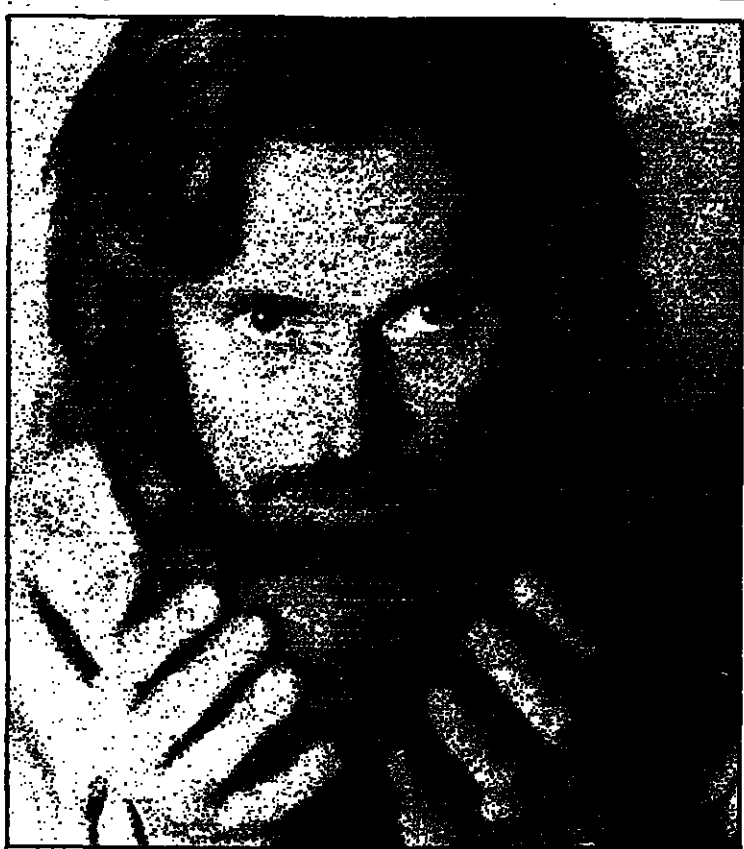
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The temptress Mary Magdalene played by Barbara Hershey and the tempted Willem Dafoe (right) as Jesus Christ.

Tame temptation for cine-goers?

By Mary Kemp

A FILM in which Jesus dreams about having sex with Mary Magdalene is receiving rave reviews. And no-one is more delighted than its director Martin Scorsese.

His controversial film *The Last Temptation of Christ* has caused an uproar among religious leaders around the world.

But the Hollywood director feared for his life when he received death threats from religious fanatics. During his trip to the Venice Film Festival the top movie-maker was accompanied by a bodyguard, six policemen and 24 plain clothed detectives.

Even his wife Barbara had to take a bodyguard on a simple shopping trip.

The leader of England's Roman Catholics, Cardinal Basil Hume, has called on all Christians to boycott the film. London Transport has announced a ban on advertising the movie, and Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association, has proclaimed the film an act of downright blasphemy.

But as the commotion dies down *The Last Temptation of Christ* is being hailed as "moving," "absorbing," and by one prominent British film critic as "the most powerful and intelligent films so far made on the life of Christ."

Based on a novel by the Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis, which has been widely available in bookshops for more than 20 years, *The Last Temptation of Christ* is unlike any other biblical epic. It is not a literal translation of the Bible but a fictional account of the life of Jesus.

There are no rosy-faced disciples or heavenly choirs. Instead the movie centres on Jesus, a man who accepts his destiny, although plagued by self-doubt and fear.

For the 46-year-old Martin Scorsese, the Italian/American film-maker who almost became

Is it boring, blasphemous or brilliant? David Bowie is one of the stars, Peter Gabriel wrote the music, and the relatively unknown Willem Dafoe turns in a stunning performance as Jesus. But what is all the fuss about ...?

a priest in his youth the film is a dream come true.

For more than 15 years Martin Scorsese has wanted to make a film about Jesus. He says: "The desire to do a film about Jesus has always been there. I don't know which came first, the movies or the church."

Vivid "My first vivid memories of childhood are seeing movies and becoming enveloped in the Catholic religion. I felt somehow the two co-existed."

"I was fascinated by images of Jesus. I wanted to do something on him, too."

"I've wanted to make *The Last Temptation of Christ* for over 15 years both as a film-maker and as a Christian. I believe with all my heart that the film is a deeply religious work."

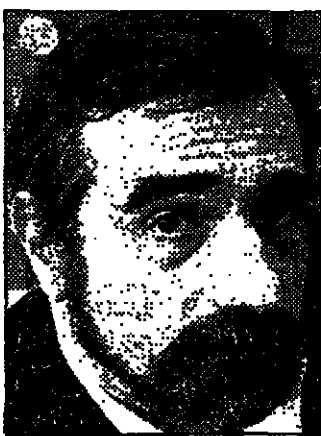
Although Jesus is tempted by Satan, what the movie says, and what I believe, is that Jesus resisted temptation. This film is an affirmation of faith and hope."

Scorsese is defended by actor Willem Dafoe, who portrayed Jesus. Fantasising on the Cross about making love to Mary Magdalene, Willem, 33, who became known for his role in the award-winning film *Platoon*, says: "It's sex you're after, this is not the movie."

"People are expecting something scandalous, which they are not going to get. I had no idea the film would cause such an outrage."

"When you relate the events out of context they sound so bizarre."

Willem found the role physically and mentally draining. During the 62 days of filming in Morocco, he became totally immersed in the life of



Martin Scorsese: received death threats

Christ. He says: "It seemed like every night I dreamt about Jesus."

His role also required great stamina, particularly the crucifixion scene. It took two and a half days to shoot.

Willem who lives in Manhattan in New York, with girlfriend Elizabeth LeCompte and their four-year-old son Jack, refuses to discuss his own religious beliefs. He says: "The director did not want to know when he gave me the part. So I guess it's no one else's business, either."

Unlike most of the others involved in the film Willem admits he never sat down to read Kazantzakis' controversial novel. He did not want to be influenced in any way. While with his co-star Barbara Hershey, who plays Mary Magdalene, the book had always been a favourite. She was the person who gave a copy of the book to Scorsese. Scorsese says: "In 1972, I got *The Last Temptation of Christ* from Barbara. As soon as I started

reading it, I realised it was the right material for me."

Actress Barbara was equally moved. She says: "I have always been fascinated by the Christ story and from the moment I read the script I was moved by Mary Magdalene's situation." And playing the whore who later became Jesus' wife in his dream was one of the most disturbing roles she has encountered.

But for the 41-year-old actress it wasn't being the first woman to make love to Christ on a cinema screen that troubled her. Instead it was the scene in which Jesus stumbled across gamblers and pervers watching Mary Magdalene making love to four men.

Barbara reveals: "For me, being with all these different men and being a prostitute was a very, very painful experience, far harder than the scene people seem to be talking about."

The child star of the movie, 14-year-old British schoolgirl Juliette Caton cannot understand what all the fuss is about. She says: "It's not as sexy as *Crocodile Dundee*."

"I've seen the film, including all the so-called shocking scenes, and I haven't had any nightmares yet."

Angelic Juliette plays Christ's evil angel who leads Jesus from his crucifixion into a dream showing him the life he could have had as an ordinary man.

Other actors whose performances will be remembered for a long time to come are Harvey Keitel as Judas and British rock star David Bowie who plays Pontius Pilate. Bowie's role as the cynic who sees Jesus as an annoying trouble-maker is a far cry from his rock star status.

Fellow musician Peter Gabriel, formerly leader of the rock band Genesis, has written the movie score. Gabriel has turned the folk music of North Africa and the Middle East into a haunting melody evoking the life and times of Jesus.

With so much talent — and so much controversy — the film is bound to make millions. Is it worth all the fuss?

Politics is the message, but that's not what the crowds are queuing for in Moscow

Soviets stunned by steamy sex scenes in new political film

By Mary Ellen Bortin

MOSCOW, (Reuters): The first Soviet film to portray a couple in the act of making love has created such a sensation in Moscow that the authorities have banned it from cinemas in the city centre.

Malenkaya Vera (Little Vera) is a damning depiction of ordinary Soviet family life in the provinces. But its frank political message is not what drew more than half a million people during the week it opened. They came for the frank sex.

"The sex scene comes as a total shock — we have never seen anything like this before," said a woman in her 50s who saw the film.

While the scene of Vera in bed with her lover Sergei is tame by Western standards, and to a Western eye far from the most shocking element of the film, it is clearly what has mobilised the masses to queue for hours in hopes of a ticket.

At other cinemas around town, new documentaries on prostitution and homosexuality are also drawing huge crowds — and, like Malenkaya Vera, provoking an outcry among Soviet citizens scandalised by the breaking of yet another taboo.

"Malenkaya Vera is a serious film which has created a scandal, although it is not scandalous in itself," Lydia Gonyevskaya, an editor with Gorky film studios which produced the film, told the audience before a recent screening.

She said Maria Khmelik, the film's 27-year-old author, had written the screenplay in 1983 — "when you could not even type such things" — but the final product was untouched by censors.

Even so, said Gonyevskaya, when the film was released in Moscow it was allowed to play only in cinemas outside the Sadovaya ring road which encircles the heart of the capital.

Vera's story is one of alienation among contemporary Soviet youth. A brassy teenager who wears sexy clothes and talks back to her parents, Vera could be a girl from small-town America in the 1950s.

Naked

But the film is set in Zhdanov, an industrial seaport in the Ukraine where the bored youth have nothing to do and their rebellion intensifies in the heat of a steamy summer.

Vera's listless life with her alcoholic father and uncomprehending mother changes when she meets Sergei at a dance. Police break up the gathering and the two escape together to his room at a seamy workers' hostel.

She is shown emerging naked from his bed and returning to her family's cramped flat. The brief but explicit sex scene comes later.

At a recent showing of the film, total silence fell over the audience during the couple's love-making. But other scenes provoked a strong reaction.

In merciless detail, the film dissects the cruelty of ordinary Soviet life. Vera, who like most Soviet women has no access to birth control, gets pregnant almost immediately.

The couple marry, and when Sergei moves in with Vera's family — the only solution for most young Soviet couples due to the housing crisis — a violent hatred develops between Vera's boorish father and the resentful young man.

At one point, the young couple escape to the beach and Sergei asks Vera if she has any goals in life. The audience burst into laughter at her dead-pan sarcastic reply: "In our country, Seriozha, we have only one goal — communism."

Other startling scenes for a country which has idealised family life and abjured violence and sex in films include the stabbing of Sergei by Vera's drunken father and Vera's subsequent suicide attempt.

With rock music blaring, the heroine — expertly played by Natalya Negoda — consumes her father's moonshine alcohol and dozens of tranquillisers, and weaves about the flat waving burning sparklers.

She is rescued by her brother, who has smuggled the wounded Sergei out of hospital and forces her to vomit up the drugs, but the film provides no resolution to the crushing desperation of her life.

When Malenkaya Vera was premiered before an audience of film-makers and critics, a voice rang out after the screening: "You should be ashamed to show such things" — but another voice retorted: "And aren't you ashamed we live like that?"

Themes

This dialogue, reported in the Soviet press, reflects the debate which has accompanied the release of new films touching on formerly untouchable themes.

Television talk shows and the official press have been weighing the pros and cons of removing one more limit on "glasnost" by treating sexual topics openly in the cinema.

Far from all agree it is a good thing. The new documentary *How Do You Do?*, in which prostitutes are interviewed about their contacts with foreigners, produced an angry letter to the Communist party newspaper Pravda last week.

Denouncing prostitution as "base, shameful and criminal," the letter complained that the frankness of the prostitutes about their high earnings and the bribes they pay hotel officials in order to work set a harmful example for youth.

But audiences are clearly delighted by the film's refreshing irreverence and it is playing to packed houses.



Pierce Brosnan: more stunning than his female co-stars

Pierce's pretty boy image hard to shake off

By Baz Bamigboye

PIERCE BROSNAN abhors violence. "If it is, part of the story and not gratuitous then that's fine, but I don't like violence for the sake of it."

In fact, the image Brosnan is finding harder to shake off is that of the pretty boy actor who is all too often more stunning than his co-stars.

The dapper Irishman with the fine good looks is going for pure escapism in his next role, a mini-series based on Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eight Days*. Brosnan, 35, will portray Phileas Fogg memorably played by David Niven in the epic big screen version.

He is desperate to try other things, after playing the wet private eye opposite Stephanie Zimbalist in *Remington Steele* for five years and being hurled into the headlines as the man who was nearly James Bond. His NBC contract prevented him from taking up the lucrative role which went to Timothy Dalton instead.

Brosnan's leading part in the Merchant Ivory film of John

Masters' novel *The Deceivers* which opened in London recently is a step in the right direction.

"I did Remington for five years and it was good for my career but it has created this empty-headed image of a character who is very glossy, very American, and who knows how to get out of trouble."

There is clearly little love lost between him and his former, Remington co-star. "I'm sure we wouldn't kill ourselves to work with each other again," he said dryly.

Nor does he spare any praise for Deborah Raffin, the 35-year-old actress who plays a rival company executive in love with Dunross in *Noble House*. "I had no say in the casting but she may have been a little old for the love interest," he said, adding that they "got on very well."

The most important woman in Brosnan's professional life is Columbia Pictures studio chief Dawn Steel — she replaced British mogul David Puttnam — who has given him a three picture deal.



Brosnan with Deborah Raffin in *Noble House*.

Probing bio-pic on Burton

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI): A vivid television portrait of actor Richard Burton is on its way to the world's screens, and its recent British showing proves it a masterpiece of its kind.

Tony Palmer's *In From The Cold* is subtitled *A Portrait Of Richard Burton*. But it is less a portrayal than an analysis, a probe of Burton's tragic character as searching as a Psychoanalysis by Freud.

It is not easy television. It lasts two hours 15 minutes, and it forces the viewer not only to think but to judge.

Burton, who died only four years ago, already is a 20th century legend. He achieved everything a man could want, and then — according to popular belief — sold out for a mess of Hollywood pottage, drowning his talent in wealth, women and booze.

But is that legend true? Lauren Bacall, who was instrumental in getting Burton to Hollywood, believes it is.

"Richard was interested in things and possessions and position — a lot of empty things," Bacall says in the programme. "And to sell yourself for that — which is finally what I think he did." She calls



Richard Burton: drowned his talent in wealth, women and wine

his lifestyle with Elizabeth Taylor "obsessive."

Programme-maker Palmer vehemently disagrees, but he does not say so directly. Like many modern documentaries, *In From The Cold* has no narrator to guide or draw conclusions, just images of the man, his work, his own words and those of the people closest to him.

But Palmer's programme strongly implies that the moment he stopped being Richard Jenkins, 12th child of an impoverished Welsh coal miner, and became Richard Burton, protégé and namesake of a remarkable teacher, Burton never again quite touched reality.

"When Richard performed, that was the only real life he knew — when he could be somebody else," says *Cleopatra* director Joseph Mankiewicz.

"If they strip me of what I'm playing he'd say, 'then what am I?' Nothing."

Audiences applaud movie Hollywood turned down

By Jennifer Lanthier

TORONTO, (UPI): What if you answered a ringing pay phone at 4 am and heard the United States was about to fire missiles at the Soviet Union, leaving you about an hour before retaliatory missiles would destroy your city?

Would you dismiss it as a hoax? Who could you call in the middle of the night to ask if war had secretly begun?

Would you try to flee before the streets became jammed? Would you go back for someone you loved? A friend, a parent, your sister, your spouse?

And what if it was real?

Director Steve De Jarnatt spent nine years trying to make *Miracle Mile*, a movie that asks these questions, but most Hollywood studios felt audiences could not handle the answers. It was an instant hit with audiences and critics when it was screened at Toronto's International Film Festival recently.

Actor Anthony Edwards, who played Tom Cruise's buddy in *Top Gun* and the title role in *Mr North*, is the hero of *Miracle Mile*, a trumpet player who takes the call from a man

who appears to be a frightened soldier in a North Dakota missile silo.

"It's a movie that people love or hate, there's no middle ground," Edwards said. "But will disturb people. It will make them think."

Edwards said he took the role because he takes the subject seriously. He found himself growing angry as he read the script, which he once saw described in a film magazine as "one of the 10 great unmade American scripts."

The movie follows Edwards as he tries to reach his girlfriend, played by Mare Winningham, and the couple's attempt to flee Los Angeles amid mounting panic and rioting as rumours of the disaster spread.

Most of the movie's 87 minutes consists of dark, night shots. There is a sense of foreboding even in the witty opening scenes, and the city quickly becomes a sprawling, concrete prison.

Much of the movie was shot as close to 'real time' as possible: the urgent pace and tight shots of frenzied crowds combine with music by Tangerine Dream to create a frightening, convincing picture.

"I could have made this nine years ago if I'd been willing to change the ending," De Jarnatt said. "Everyone wanted me to let them escape, have him wake up from a bad dream, have the whole thing be called off, have it turn out to be a hoax."

Strength

But much of the movie's strength lies in its ending, the ending De Jarnatt was told "American audiences couldn't handle." The film hurries inexorably to a stunning and sadly inevitable finish — anything else would cheat the audience, De Jarnatt said.

Several moments of silence followed the first Toronto screening before applause erupted. Afterward De Jarnatt and Edwards fielded questions from the audience, and the only complaint was not about the ending but about the United States being portrayed as the aggressor.

"Well, it made a longer movie," De Jarnatt said, adding it would have been a '10 minute movie' if the Soviet Union had made the first strike because the characters would not have had much time to react.

Edwards said it was a point in the film's favour that the

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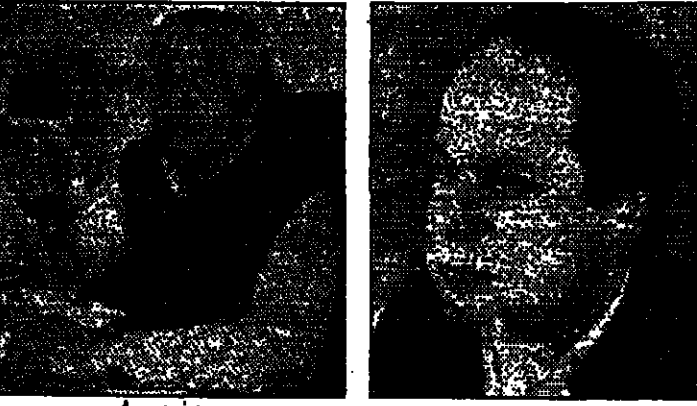
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Capri score easy win over Lanka Lions

CAPRI Cricket Club beat Lanka Lions by six wickets while Deccan Blue Cricket Club thrashed Cyclones by 109 runs in Goodyear-YMCA Cricket Tournament matches at the Ahmadi Governorate ground earlier this week.

Lanka Lions scored 132 for eight in 28 overs with Namal remaining unbeaten on 43. Faisal hitting 35 and Peru 19. For Capri, Tariq and Naresh took three wickets each while Nasir got two.

In reply, Capri got the runs for the loss of only four wickets by the 22nd over. Adnan slammed seven fours in his 67, Bitru Singh hit 38 and Irfan 25.

Thrashed
For Lanka Lions, Dammika was the only successful bowler with four wickets for 24 in six overs.

In the second match, Deccan Blue thrashed Cyclones bowlers to pile up 218 for the loss of five wickets in 22 overs. Zulqarnain hammered 110, Imtiaz 40 and Shahid 29.

Cyclones were never in the hunt for runs and could only score 109 for six with Salim hitting 47.

For Deccan, Imtiaz took three wickets.

Tomorrow OKCC meet Flying Arrows at 8.45 am while Kokan face Cyclones at 12.45 pm.

Riffat takes Meriden past Hilti

MERIDIEN Cricket Club thrashed Hilti Cricket Club by 103 runs in the opening match of the Sabah Trophy cricket tournament at the Safeway ground earlier this week.

Meriden captain lost the toss, after the tournament had been declared open by the personnel manager of Meriden, Hassan Bayerli, but was invited by the Hilti skipper to make first use of the wicket.

Meriden managed to score 159 runs in their 25 allotted overs. Ramesh was the top scorer with 44 while Mirza hit 26, Saleem 20, Marvin 17 and Hattori 12.

For Hilti, Saleem took two wickets while Khozama and Ish-faque got one each.

Hilti, in reply, were never able to get on top of the Meriden bowling and were all out for 56.

For Meriden Riffat took five wickets while Danny got three.

H&E Club beat Ahmadi

DISPLAYING considerable local knowledge of the course and wind conditions, the Hunting and Equestrian Club had an easy victory over their traditional rivals, Ahmadi Golf Club, in the first round of the Bund Cup, when they were hosts to Ahmadi on Friday.

Ahmadi will now have to wait till the January 6, 1989, when the second round is played over their course, to wrest the advantage away from H&E.

The Bund Cup is an inter-club annual trophy between the two clubs and goes to the club which has the higher number of matches won over the two rounds.

Walked
Played as a four-ball better-ball competition H&E's victory of 12 matches to 5, with 4 halved was particularly satisfactory for them and their captain, Doctor Pritam Sahni considering that Ahmadi's team included all their top players.

Ahmadi won both the nearest-to-the-pin competitions — Tony Newcombe for the men on the 18th hole and Audrey Redshaw for the ladies on the 13th. H&E, however, walked away with the longest drives — Anwar Siddiqi on the 12th against a strong wind and Valentina Hendenstrom on the 11th.

The prizes were given away by Mohammed Majid Al Shabeen, the director general of the Hunting & Equestrian Club.

CCK move into semifinals

CCK reached the semifinals of the Knock-out Cricket Tournament with a six-wicket victory over NBK at the Ahmadi grounds earlier this week.

NBK opted to bat, after winning the toss, and opened their innings through Ali Rizvi and Arif Latif who hammered all the CCK bowlers and put on 74 runs for the first wicket.

Joined
Arif Latif was the first to leave, bowled by Raees, and Ejaz joined him back in the pavilion soon — caught brilliantly by Fawaz off Faisal.

Ali Rizvi scored 87 with the help of five fours and five sixes as NBK put on 170 in 25 overs.

CCK's openers also started off

Gandy wins KNDC and ACC races

PAUL GANDY, in the first championship race meeting of the 1988/89 kart racing season, took first place in both the KNDC and ACC championships ahead of Simon Lloyd (Like Cola). Third place fell jointly to Burfoot and Haines (Halliburton) in the ACC, with Haines alone taking third in the KNDC.

Round one of the ACC championship started with Lloyd on pole position and Gandy on anti-pole. In the rush down to the "Essex" Lloyd and Gandy collided causing Gandy to leave the track and rejoin the race in last position.

Position
Lloyd managed to stay ahead of the rest of the field and gradually opened a gap between himself and Haines in second place. The race for third position between Lloyd (Halliburton) and Snell ended abruptly in the fifth lap when Snell, in a weed trimming exercise, left the track at the hairpin trying to pass

Bollog who, at the same instant, incurred an electrical failure and dropped to the back of the pack. After eight laps the finishing order was resolved with Lloyd first, Haines second and Gandy, fighting hard, taking third place.

The race for round two disintegrated due to running for all but three drivers. Gandy took a



Lloyd (left), Gandy (2nd left) and Haines (2nd right) after receiving their prizes from Mahdi Habib.

comfortable first place, a creditable Burfoot second and Hagopian third. Lloyd left the race in a spin with steering problems, Bollog and Snell lost drive chains and Haines suffered electrical problems.

The third round event was a hard fought battle between Gandy and Lloyd. Lloyd led for nine laps when on the last lap Gandy, in a classic outbreking manoeuvre, snatched first place from Lloyd, who once again found himself facing in the wrong direction after a spin.

The lead that Gandy and

Lloyd had built up over Bollog, in third place, was however sufficient for Lloyd to restart and maintain second place with Burfoot fourth and Hagopian fifth.

Round four now saw Lloyd chasing Gandy in a role reversal of the round 3 match. In the seventh lap Lloyd edged past Gandy on the approach to the hairpin and held onto his lead for the remainder of the race. Bollog moved from fifth to finish third with Haines fourth having stopped and restarted at clubhouse bend.

The luckless Burfoot spun out



Gandy with his winning kart.

at clubhouse bend avoiding Haines who was trying to restart his kart. Hagopian took fifth place in a consistent race with an engine which appeared to lack competitive performance.

The fifteen lap final KNDC race saw Gandy in pole position with Lloyd on anti-pole. During a hard fought race, Gandy kept Lloyd at bay who tried, in a bumper to bumper exchange, to find a way through.

On the last lap Lloyd came too close and the two karts locked together for an instant, following this exchange Lloyd's engine

hesitated and Gandy pulled away to a clear victory. Haines took third place holding onto a loose exhaust with Hagopian fourth and Bollog fifth.

The next race is due to take place on Oct 21.

Championship Table		
	ACC	KNDC
Gandy	35	15
Lloyd	31	12
Haines	24	10
Burfoot	24	8
Bollog	22	9
Hagopian	21	9
Snell	8	0

New Tyson injury threatens Bruno bout

NEW YORK, Oct 12, (AP): Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has reportedly refractured his right hand, possibly putting a crimp in his scheduled title defence on Dec 17 against Frank Bruno in London.

Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, confirmed today that he had been called by promoter Don King from Cleveland, Ohio, with the news that may affect the champion's fight schedule.

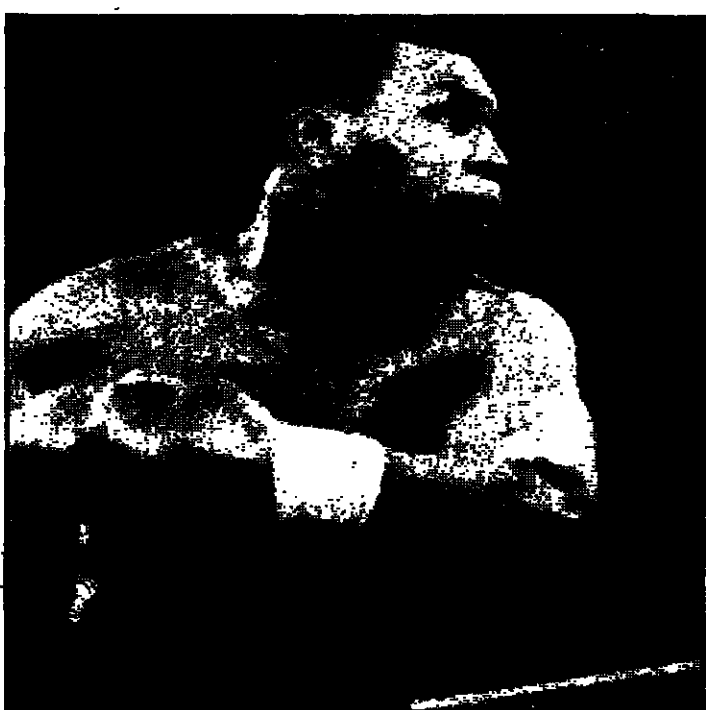
The latest revelations were contained in a story in today's edition of the New York Daily News.

Occurred
According to reports, Tyson was hitting the heavy bag in a gym on King's farm in Orwell, Ohio, when the injury occurred. His hand was then re-set in a cast by a Cleveland doctor, the News reported.

Tyson originally had been scheduled to start training on Monday in Catskill, New York.

Cayton said he could not be positive whether the apparent hairline fracture on the third metacarpal of the right hand, which Tyson injured in a Harlem street fight with Mitch Green in August, was new or old.

That original injury forced postponement of the fight with Bruno until October. Further



Tyson: suffers another injury

problems moved the fight back two more times, to December.

According to news, Cayton said he spoke to the doctor who treated Tyson in Cleveland and was told the injury was "minor". Cayton said it is still possible for

Tyson to keep his four-times postponed date with Bruno.

"There are nine weeks to the fight and a hairline fracture usually takes only three weeks to heal," Cayton said.

Cayton said Tyson was expected

to arrive in New York today or tomorrow to be examined by David Chiu, who treated Tyson after the fight with Green.

"I think they want to keep him (Tyson) in Cleveland because they're afraid of papers being served on him," Cayton was quoted as saying.

Tyson reportedly has been huddling with King and other advisers in King's home concerning the divorce action his wife, Robin Givens, filed in California last Friday. It was expected that Tyson would file for divorce himself in New Jersey, where the couple had been residing, or seek an annulment of the eight-month marriage.

Property
Givens' lawyers, already in New York, said yesterday they will seek an out-of-court property settlement with Tyson, but also hinted there is a chance to save their rocky marriage.

Givens hired divorce lawyer Raoul Felder and his California associate Neal Raymond Hersh on Sunday, the lawyers said. She was originally represented by celebrity divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson.

Asked about a possible reconciliation, Felder said: "It's not unthinkable. If she had her druthers, she would rather be a happily married young girl."

Cayton said Tyson was expected

Eastenders score 2nd straight victory

MIDDLE EASTENDERS became the only team to have won two consecutive matches after last week's round of the K.B.R.C. Wednesday Darts League.

Nobblers fought gamely but finally succumbed in the face of consistent high scores from Terry Slattery, Peter Bedlow and John Morris.

To round things off M.E. ladies beat Nibblers 2-0 despite Audrey McKenzie's trophy-winning throw of two scoring trebles and a bull in the Mickey Mouse. This maintained their 100 per cent record.

Joined
The battle for second place was unresolved as Equalisers and Chuckers fought out a draw. Dave Ball did his best for Equalisers in getting four high scores including a 140 as well as an 86 finish, but still lost 2-1 to Martin Malloy.

Andy Wilson also joined the 140 club on his way to a 2-1 win over Dave Viner. Equaliser ladies, however, remained cool in the tense atmosphere to record a 2-0 win.

History was made this week as Rondels won their first game in three seasons as they opened their 1989 campaign against Fintas Flyers. Having won all four singles matches the Rondels' elation was such that they relaxed in the Mickey Mouse to come home 4-12, 1-1/2 winners.

Last season's L & B League winners Shower of Tossers started strongly with a 5-1 win over Dinar Soarers. Bill Rourke joined the 140 club on his first outing, making sure by scoring it twice. There was no let up for the Flies either as the lady Tossers cruised to a 2-0 victory.

Good
Menage A. Trois recovered from their defeat by H20 to gain a good point against Has Beens. Alan Anderson recorded the highest finish so far by checking out with 112. Mike Simms' two high scores also helped things along. Menage ladies kept up the good work but needed a deciding third leg before winning 2-1.

Elsewhere last week, Soweto Slingers and Bulls Hitters shared the points in their first game as Avengers narrowly defeated Bulls Hitters ladies 2-1.

Entente Cordiale who also started up last week sank Shipwreck without trace 5-1 in the men's match and 2-1 in the ladies game.

Former Test cricketers to play in Kuwait

HUBARA. Cricketers have arranged a series of games from Oct 20-23 involving a British Airways side from England.

The matches have been planned to celebrate the start of the British Airways Kuwait-Madras flight in November.

Playing for the BA XI on Friday (Oct 21) and Sunday (Oct 23) will be former Indian Test wicketkeeper Farokh Engineer and also a former England Test bowler Don Wilson. Friday's game starts at 9.30 am and Sunday's at 10.30 am. Both the games are 45 overs each side.

Tourists
Hubara Cricketers and Kuwait Cricketers (Hawks) will select the Ahmadi Invitation XI to play the Friday game while a Great Britain Select will take on the tourists in the second game.

At both the games, British Airways will raffle a return ticket to Madras/Karachi or London with tickets available on these days only.

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Two charges laid against Johnson

TORONTO, Oct 11, (Reuter): Disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson was charged with assault and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace yesterday, Toronto police said.

The charges followed a police investigation into a motorist's complaint five days earlier that a man in a Porsche pointed a handgun at him as he drove along a highway.

The motorist, whose name was withheld, provided police with the licence number of the Porsche, a police spokesman said. It matched that of Johnson's car.

Pistol

The spokesman said officers went to Johnson's home in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough, near the highway where the incident was reported, and found a starter's pistol in the Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter's car.

Johnson, 26, told police he had been driving his car at the time but denied he had pointed the gun at anyone, the spokesman said. A starter's pistol can fire blanks only and the barrel is blocked.

Yesterday, Johnson and his attorney Edward Futerman were asked to report to police headquarters.

After one hour, police issued a statement saying that two charges had been laid against Johnson, who was stripped of his 100-metre Olympic gold medal and world record in Seoul after testing positive for an anabolic steroid on September 26.

Police released Johnson after he promised to appear in court on October 25.

Johnson and his lawyer refused to comment on the charges as they left the police station.

Police constable Al Armstrong said both charges fall under the Canadian criminal code and, if found guilty, Johnson could face a jail term, fine or probation.

Armstrong said the maximum prison penalty possible for the assault charge was five years and the maximum sentence for the weapons charge was 10 years.

He said Johnson's travel was not restricted and he could even leave Canada as long as he returned for his court date.

Johnson, who returned to Toronto from Seoul on September 28, has since remained in seclusion at his family's home most of the time except for a brief news conference on October 4 at which he denied he knowingly took any illegal substance.

He has been advised by his lawyer not to talk to reporters or any of his former track team members including Charlie Francis, his coach of 11 years, and his personal physician, Mario Astaphan.

Spearhead
The Canadian government has ordered a royal commission of inquiry into the steroids scandal and has appointed Ontario associate chief Justice Charles Dubin to spearhead the investigation. No date has yet been set for the inquiry.</



Nesty beat Biondi for gold

Surinam honours Nesty

PARAMARIBO, Oct. 12. (Reuters): The Surinam president presented swimmer Anthony Nesty with the country's top civilian award yesterday for winning the country's first Olympic gold medal and announced the national indoor stadium would be named after him.

President Ramsewak Shanker awarded the 20-year-old swimmer the Order of the Yellow Star in a ceremony at the presidential palace and said the stadium in the Surinam capital would be renamed the Anthony Nesty stadium.

Nesty, who trains at the University of Florida, won the 100 metres butterfly in Seoul, beating US favourite Matt Biondi by 0.01 seconds to the delight of the 400,000 citizens of this former Dutch colony on South America's northeast coast.

Before he returned home the government had announced it would issue a gold coin and a stamp in his honour.

The government has also given Nesty a plot for a house, a gift of 200,000 Surinam guilders (\$110,000) and a \$100,000 scholarship to continue his studies in business administration.

A fund will be set up to administer the money so Nesty's amateur status is not affected, government officials said.

Nesty arrived in Paramaribo on Monday and told 20,000 people, including Vice-President Henock Arron, at a welcoming ceremony at a soccer stadium he was grateful for the generosity and hoped to win two gold medals at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Kuwait to face Bahrain in opener

KUWAIT will meet Bahrain on Dec 3 in its opening match of the 9th Asian Soccer Championship, according to the draws made in Doha on Monday evening.

The 10-team tournament, being held in Doha, Qatar, will start on Dec 2. The teams have been divided into two groups. In Kuwait's group, the other teams are Syria, Saudi Arabia (the current champions), China and Bahrain.

In the second group Qatar, Iran, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Japan will vie against each other for two places in the semifinals. All the teams face each other in the group on a single-leg basis with two top teams from each group moving into the semifinals.

Eight of the 10 teams had to go through qualifying rounds to reach these finals. The other two teams, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, were automatic qualifiers. Qatar for being the host country and Saudi Arabia as title holders.

Six of the teams in these finals are Arab teams. Iraq are missing from this tournament after pulling out of their qualifying matches in Malaysia due to changes in their game schedule. They had been favourites to play in the finals.

The opening match on Dec 2 will be between Qatar and Iran followed by the Saudi Arabia-Syria game.

Kuwait last won this tournament in 1980 when they beat South Korea 3-0 in the final played in Kuwait.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

- N/S:
- 1) Dr. Parikh & Jaggi
 - 2) Mosheri & Latala
 - 3) Mrs Williams & Tibb
- E/W:
- 1) Salaman Ali & Simon
 - 2) Drexler & Mikhajee
 - 3) Merchant & Dasji

TRANMERE SHOCK MIDDLESBROUGH IN LEAGUE CUP

Burnley make Luton struggle for victory

LONDON, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Holders Luton scraped through to the third round of the English Football League Cup last night with a narrow 1-0 away win over lowly Fourth Division Burnley in their second round second leg clash.

Luton, held to a 1-1 draw at home in the first leg, scored a lucky goal 10 minutes after the interval when a Steve Williams corner bounced in off Ricky Hill's thigh.

Luton, who beat champions Liverpool in the First Division last Saturday, did not look comfortable until that liberating goal and bookings for Harford, Danny Wilson and Steve Foster showed how uneasy the title-holders were.

Carried

Fourth Division Tranmere accomplished the biggest upset of the night with a 1-0 win over First Division Middlesbrough which carried them into the third round after a goalless first leg.

Mark Hughes flung himself at a Jim Harvey free-kick to send a spectacular flying header past goalkeeper Stephen Pears a minute before the interval.

Tottenham Hotspur were another First Division side in trouble against humble opposi-

tion, squeezing through 3-2 on aggregate against Third Division Notts County thanks to a goal 10 minutes from the final whistle by Paul Gascoigne.

Spurs, held 1-1 in the first leg, went in front through a Terry Fenwick penalty after 62 minutes, but Adrian Thorpe equalised six minutes later after Tottenham keeper Bobby Mimms missed a corner from Gary Mills.

Gascoigne finally saw the First Division side through, steering a free-kick over the defensive wall and into the net.

The English soccer season may be only seven games old but already one First Division manager has paid the price of failure.

Willie McFaul, one of the busiest managers in the closed season transfer market, was sacked Monday by Newcastle United, which is next to bottom in the 20-team standings with just one victory from seven outings.

Ironically, that sole triumph was at the home of champion Liverpool. But it was followed by a 3-0 home defeat by Coventry City and the Newcastle directors decided that McFaul's time had run out.

McFaul, a 45-year-old former Newcastle goalkeeper who had been in charge for three years,



Tottenham's Paul Walsh (left) fends off a sliding tackle from Notts County defender Chris Withe. (Reuters wirephoto)

was under pressure from the fans who had seen him sell three of the club's best players — Chris Waddle and Gascoigne to Tottenham and Peter Beardsley to Liverpool.

The Gascoigne sale for £2

million (\$3.4 million) came during the summer when McFaul also spent £2.8 million (£4.7 million) on new players, including goalkeeper Dave Beasant and defender Andy Thorn from Wimbledon and striker John

Hendrie from Second Division Bradford City.

While speculation mounted over who would be McFaul's successor, former Newcastle favourites Malcolm McDonald and Terry McDermott gave their views on what had gone wrong at one of the proudest clubs in English soccer.

McDonald, a former England international who was a bustling, goalscoring hero at St James' Park during the 1970s, slammed Newcastle's board for "deceiving" the fans.

Quoted in the tabloid Daily Mirror, McDonald, who once scored five goals in one game for England, said: "Short-sighted, silly, money-mad policies by the United board have landed the club in their present predicament."

"United have always produced great players and then sold them off for other clubs to benefit."

"Supporters are not interested in the balance sheets of a club, only if the club they love are winning or, at the worst, entertaining," McDonald was quoted as saying.

McDermott, who also went on to star with Liverpool, said McFaul has been treated

"savagely" and made a scapegoat by the Newcastle board.

"It was a minor miracle that he took them to eight places in the First Division last season and... took them to Liverpool and... the former England international midfielder playmaker told the Mirror.

On Saturday, Newcastle has the chance to bounce back in style with a home game against Middlesbrough.

Results

English Football League	Cup second round, second leg	Score
Bristol City	2	Oxford 0 (agg. 6-2)
Burnley	0	Luton 1 (agg. 1-3)
Bury	2	Everton 2 (agg. 2-2)
Cardiff	1	QPR 4 (agg. 1-7)
Charlton	2	Northam. 1 (agg. 3-2)
Coventry	3	Bournemouth 1 (agg. 7-1)
Gillingham	1	Millwall 3 (agg. 1-8)
Ipswich	3	Port Vale 0 (agg. 3-1)
Preston	0	Norwich 3 (agg. 0-5)
Southam.	3	Lincoln 1 (agg. 4-3)
Southend	1	Derby 2 (agg. 1-3)
Tottenham	2	Notts 1 (agg. 3-2)
Tranmere	1	County 0 (agg. 1-0)
Walsford	2	Leicester 2 (agg. 3-6)
Oldham	4	Darlington 0 (agg. 4-2)
Stoke	1	Leyton 2 (agg. 3-3)
Postponed:		
Plymouth v Manchester City		
Scottish Premier Division		
Hamilton	0	Hearts 4

Whites hold Blues to draw

WHITES held Blues to a draw in a Kuwait Nomads rugby game earlier this week.

With the Bahrain tournament only two weeks away, players worked hard realising they were vying for first team places.

The return to rugby of Bob Hall, still recovering from a bout of moving house, was dramatic as he opened the scoring for the Blues in the twelfth minute.

The White team replied through Mark Shipley, a recent convert from the rugby ball game.

The battle in the forwards was intense with the White pack driving hard in the scrums. Slightly against the run of the play the newcomer Rob Ball snatched a score. He and Burgess certainly gave the experienced centre pair-

ing of Hutchinson and Gatland a few problems.

The Whites came back with a try through John Sherwood, a forward of yet unfulfilled potential. First fifteen captain Steve Hill crowned a pressure passage of play by the Blues with a try. Adams third successive conversion meaning an 18-0 lead for the Blues.

Pressure

However, the Whites continued to pressure, rallied by non-stop graft of the pack leader Phil Quinn. The last few minutes of the game saw the White team wings, Buller and Harvey run in tries with all the important conversion being landed by the Whites' novice fly-half Hopkins.

The final score was 18-18, a

fair reflection on the strengths of both teams.

The whole match was played in a very competitive spirit, ably referred by John Sanderson. In particular, the tackling of Ferrari and Robinson was quite awesome, with Evans and Young very evident in the forward skirmishes.

The whole squad has now been training since mid-August and is showing a high level of fitness. This will be sorely needed during the weekend tournament in Bahrain, where Kuwait will be defending the title they won last year. As current Merit Table champions, and Gulf Cup holders, Kuwait will definitely be the team to beat in the coming months of the season.

Leconte sails past Nijssen

TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Top-seeded Henri Leconte defeated late stand-in Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-3 to reach the second round of the Toulouse Olympia Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday.

The Frenchman had originally been scheduled to play Ramesh Krishnan in the first round, but the Indian player withdrew a few minutes before the match was due to start because of a back injury sustained on Friday.

Fine

"It was difficult for me because I had set my mind on Krishnan's game," Leconte said after the match. "But I guess it went fine for me anyway."

In the second round Leconte faces Britain's Jeremy Bates, who had to fight hard for his 7-6, 2-6, 7-5 win over Australian Carl Limberger.

Fourth seed Jonas Svensson of Sweden, semifinalist in this year's French Open, scored an easy 6-2, 6-4 first round win over Udo Riglewski of West Germany.

US squad best ever, says Strange

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, Oct. 12. (Reuters): US Open champion Curtis Strange believes the United States have finally put together a team strong to capture the title in the Dunhill Cup Nations Team Golf Championship this week.

"This is probably the strongest American team of the four years, the best we have had," Strange said today of the squad comprising himself, Chip Beck and Mark McCumber.

Beck is the US tour second-highest money-winner this year with earnings of just under \$700,000, while McCumber is the US Tournament Players champion.

Lost

The Americans have not done themselves justice at the three previous Dunhill Cups. In 1985 they were seeded first but lost to Australia in the final, and in the following year they were again the top seeds but lost to Japan in the semifinals.

Last year Scotland beat them at the same stage, though the Americans won the third place play-off helped by Strange's old course record of 62, 10 under par.

"I was surprised at the reaction that got at home," he said. "Everyone was talking about my 62 at St Andrews. Course records are not so special but to have the course record at the home of golf is something I will always look back on."

Strange, the US captain, said their tactics this week would be to have Beck play the second match in each tie, starting tomorrow against the Philippines.

Draw (prefix number denotes seeding):

1-United States v Philippines; Canada v 8-Ireland; 5-England v France; 3-Australia v Brazil; Sweden v 6-Wales; 7-Japan v Denmark; Zimbabwe v 2-Spain.



Kutzop (left) and Dynamo's Burkhard Reich (centre) and Frank Rohde jump for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bremen rout Dynamo

BREMEN, West Germany, Oct. 12. (Reuters): West German soccer champions Werder Bremen trounced East Germans Dynamo Berlin 5-0 yesterday to qualify for a European Cup second round clash with Scotland's Glasgow Celtic.

Werder, beaten 3-0 by Dynamo in the first leg of their first round clash in East Berlin last month, rediscovered their scoring touch in the second leg to go through 5-3 on aggregate.

Michael Kutzop scored from a penalty in the 23rd minute and

goals followed from Guenter Hermann, Karlheinz Riedle, Manfred Burgsmueller and Thomas Schaaf.

Falling

The East German League and Cup double champions seemed nervous and played too defensively, failing to get in a single shot.

"I think my team have won back the fans' hearts with this performance," Werder trainer Otto Rehnhagel said after the game. "We played as German champions should."

Strikers outclass Rising

UG Strikers crushed Rising Stars 4-1 in a Rothmans Gold Cup tournament match at the Soor grounds earlier this week.

Strikers scored only one goal in the first half through Varghese but the second half saw Rising completely outplayed although they were the first to score when they got the equaliser through Rajiv.

Xavier and Casmiro scored the other goals to seal Rising's fate.

In the other match on the same ground, BOC scored a 3-2 victory over Goan Sporting with all of BOC's goals coming through Joe Boy. Felix and Caje reduced the margin for Goan Sporting.

Tomorrow UG Strikers meet Incredible in the semifinal.

Sokolov stuns Kasparov in World Cup

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Oct. 12. (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov blundered badly and was forced to resign in his game against fellow Soviet grand master Andrei Sokolov in the seventh round yesterday of the third World Cup chess tournament in Reykjavik.

Kasparov, playing with the black pieces, dominated the opening and middle sections of the game but made a fatal error in the 37th move which cost him his queen. In a hopeless situation, he resigned three moves later giving victory to his opponent.

Worst

Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union retained his position at the head of the points table in the 17-round, \$200,000 contest after drawing in his game with Johann Hjartarson of Iceland. Tal's draw ended his three-game winning streak in the tournament.

Icelandic grand master Helgi Olafsson, who is not taking part in this tournament, said: "This must be the biggest error and worst game Kasparov has played since becoming a grand master. Perhaps he would have committed such a mistake when he was 12 years old but not later."

Sainz and Moyalead San Remo Rally

TURIN, Italy, Oct. 12. (AP): The Spanish team of Carlos Sainz and Luis Moya, in a Ford Sierra, led the San Remo Rally which was marred yesterday by the deaths of a French team whose car plunged off a rain-slicked road.

Sainz, who had shared first place with Finland's Juhani Kankkunen and Italy's Dario Cerrato after Monday's opening stage, led four Lancia teams at the end of yesterday's special trials.

Plunged

The 10th event of the 1988 World Rally Championship claimed the two victims during the morning runs when the Citroen AX sport car of Frenchmen Jean Marc Dubois and Robert Moirier skidded on the wet asphalt at a difficult bend and plunged 100 metres down a cliff near Lanzo, north of Turin.

Cerrato, who teams with Italian navigator Gipi Cerri, fell 24 seconds behind the Spanish driver of the Ford team while another Italian Alessandro Fiorio, was third with a gap of 49 seconds.

Italy's Massimo Biasion, who can clinch the world drivers title



Dubois and Moirier's car after it was relieved from the ravine. (Reuters wirephoto)

by finishing among the top six when the race ends in San Remo on Friday, lagged 54 seconds behind, in fourth place.

Placings

1. Carlos Sainz and Luis Moya, Spain, Ford Sierra, in two hours, 9-55 minutes.

2. Dario Cerrato and Gipi

Cerri, Italy, Lancia Delta, 24 seconds behind.

3. Alessandro Fiorio and Luigi Pirollo, Italy, Lancia Delta, 49 seconds.

4. Massimo Biasion and Tiziano Siviero, Italy, Lancia Delta, 54 seconds.

5. Markku Alen and Ilkka



A file picture of Dubois and his wife and son.

Kivimaki, Finland, Lancia Delta, 2:07 minutes behind.

7. Andrea Zanussi and Paolo Amati, Italy, BMW, 5:05 minutes behind.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Kuwait soccer

QADISIYA beat Al Arabi 1-0 in a mixed-division soccer tournament yesterday. Mohammed Ibrahim scored the only goal in the 10th minute of the first half. The first and second divisions of the Kuwait Soccer League are taking part in this event.

Lucky Star

LUCKY STAR Cricket Club beat Hilti by nine wickets in a GCL League match at the EPI ground earlier this week. Hilti scored 98 for the loss of nine wickets while Lucky Star scored these runs for the loss of only one wicket. Khalid hit 30, Aftab 40 and Anwar Khan 20.

Navratilova wins

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct. 12. (AP): Martina Navratilova of the United States defeated West Germany's Claudia Porwik 6-1, 6-2 in first-round action yesterday at the \$250,000 Virginia Slims tennis tournament.

Johnson's record

LONDON, Oct. 12. (AP): Sprinter Ben Johnson's 9.79 second 100-metre run at the Seoul Olympic Games has become only a footnote in sports history. After editorial meetings in London today, the publishers of the Guinness Book of Records decided that Johnson's run in the South Korean capital will be mentioned only in a footnote at the bottom of the world records table.

Cup qualifier

ISTANBUL, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Turkey and Iceland drew 1-1 (half time 0-0) in a World Cup European Group Three soccer qualifying match today.

World bridge

VENICE, Italy, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Greece were clear overnight leaders in the World Bridge Team Olympiad Group A qualifiers after beating West Germany 19-11, Mauritius 25-0 and Barbados 23-7.

Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Zairean-born Italian boxer Sumbu Kalambay will defend his World Boxing Association middleweight championship against American Doug Dewitt in Monte Carlo on November 8, promoter Bob Arum said yesterday.

Mets triumph

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12. (Reuters): Result of the National League championship playoff game played yesterday: New York Mets 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; (best-of-seven series tied at three games each).

Meuleman dies

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Oct. 12. (UPI): Wim Meuleman, former president of the Dutch Royal Soccer Federation, died Monday from a heart attack at the age of 78, an official said yesterday.

Dave Mitchell

ROTTERDAM, Holland, Oct. 12. (UPI): Making a U-turn, Australian soccer international Dave Mitchell has decided against a fatiguing on fee to stay with Dutch Honor Division club Feyenoord.

Swedish hopes

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 12. (UPI): Sweden hopes to end its image as poor lobbyists by being named as host of the 1992 European Soccer Championship finals by the UEFA organising committee Friday.

Stadthalle GP

VIENNA, Oct. 12. (UPI): Austrian Thomas Muster, 14th in the current world computer tennis rankings, is top-seeded for the \$145,000 Stadthalle Grand Prix tournament from Oct. 17-23.

Soviet bodybuilders

MOSCOW, Oct. 12. (UPI): Soviet bodybuilders will make their international competitive debut this week at the World Bodybuilding Championships in Queensland, Australia, the official Tass news agency said yesterday.

Cricket match

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Oct. 12. (AP): The second day's play between New Zealand cricket side was abandoned here today following continuous rain. First day scores: Young New Zealand 238-5 (M. Greatbach 81).

Japan Classic

TOKYO, Oct. 12. (AP): The '88 Mazda Japan Classic will be held Nov. 4-6 at the Musashigaoka golf course in suburban Tokyo, the organisers said today. The tournament is sponsored by the US Ladies Professional Golf Association and is the only one the organisation schedules outside the United States. It also will be the Tour's season finale.